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GREATER N.Y. BOAT SHOW SET FOR SEPT. 14-17 IN FREEPORT

The Greater New York Boat Show, Long Island's industry-endorsed and run in-the-water boat show, has been scheduled for September 14-17 at the newly-dedicated Guy Lombardo Marina in Freeport.

Charles Pigadis, President of the Show and President also of the Marine Trades Association of New York, expressed his appreciation to officials of the Village of Freeport and the Town of Hempstead for making available the Municipal Marina.

"The Guy Lombardo Marina offers the Greater New York Boat Show this year some 150 slips plus at least ten acres of on-land display space," said Pigadis who master-minded the Show last year in the smaller Yachtsman's Cove Marina in Freeport.

Inclement weather cut down the number of boatmen attending last year's show, but boat and accessory sales were good and it is anticipated that all of last year's exhibitors will sign up for the show's second running this September. Practially all of the major brands of powerboats will be displayed and the sailboat section also is expected to cover every aspect of the sport.

Pigadis noted that the show again has been scheduled for the week prior to the National Association of Engine & Boat Manufacturers' show in Norwalk, Conn. This, he said, will facilitate the builders displaying their 1979 boats in front of the prime New York Metropolitan Area boating audience before they take them up to Norwalk.

The Greater New York Boat Show is endorsed by the Marine Trades Association, Inc., which is made up of local businesses and which is dedicated to promoting the sport of boating.

Further information may be obtained by calling 212-675-1360 or 516-785-3206.

LONG ISLAND NAUTICAL FESTIVAL AT MONTAUK

On Saturday, September 2, at 11:00 a.m., as the Long Island Nautical Festival gets under way, the Brig Unicorn will sail into Fort Pond Bay at Montauk surrounded by a flotilla of 300 boats from various welcoming flagships and pleasure boats that have gone out to greet her off the shore of Long Island. Many Long Island boating groups and the Long Island Sound America/'78 from Connecticut sponsored by the Connecticut Marine Trades Association have coordinated a salute to the Unicorn, including an aerial fly-by sponsored by the Fairfield County Marine Aviation Squadron. Upon arrival at dockside, there will be a dress salute by the King Point Merchant Marine Academy Midshipmen Color Guard. A special VIP launch draft of celebrities and other dignitaries will go out from the N. Y. Ocean Science Labs to board the Unicorn and officially greet Captain Sam Gehring and the crew of the Unicorn prior to the ship sailing into the N. Y. Ocean Science Laboratory dock at Fort Pond in Montauk. The Unicorn will fly the United States Merchant Marine Academy Flag.

At noon time, the festivities will begin with music provided by the Open Kitchen Mission Band of Belle Harbor and the Sea Chanty Singers led by Steve San Filippo. The baymen and draggers will explain how they catch fish off the L.I. shores and the East End Arts Council of Riverhead will display fine arts and crafts on the dock. The East Hampton Marine Town Museum under the direction of Ralph Carpentier will hold an exhibits, including the Garvey built by students. A special nautically flagged tent (20' x 20') will be erected at dockside displaying nautical artifacts of the Unicorn and audio/visual materials. Captain Jacques Thiry, who mastered the Unicorn through OpSail '76 and the Tall Ships Races, will show a film and slide program while he lectures on the highlights of this famous sailing ship's history through the many years under Jacques' command, including its rebuilding period in Europe. The Unicorn is a 136-foot square rigged, handcrafted, wooden sailing vessel. This authentic brig, a two-masted ship with square sails on both masts, was built in 1948 with Marshall Plan dollars to encourage trans-oceanic commerce and shipping. Captain Thiry was at the helm when the Unicorn was filmed as the slave ship for the ABC-TV miniseries, "Roots," which will be rerun in prime time on Channel 7 on September 5, at which time the Unicorn will have left Montauk and arrived at its next Port of Call—Sag Harbor.

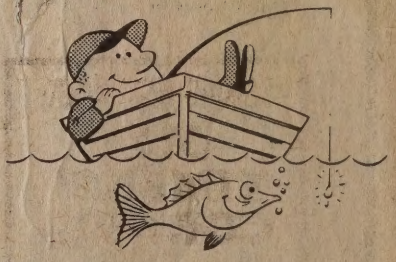
Also in the tent: the fine art of scrimshaw will be demonstrated to the visitors by one of the country's finest scrimshanders, Trudy Don Angelo, of Mid Island Plaza, in Hicksville. Trudy will display pendants, buckles, neckrope bolos, earrings, bracelets and cuff links, plus specially designed scrimshaw pieces of the Unicorn, and commemorative plaques of the Long Island Festival. Trudy's ability to do portraits on scrimshaw has enthusiasts calling for her work from almost everywhere. Just this week, Eartha Kitt, the start of "Timbuktu," on Broadway, commissioned Mrs. Don Angelo to do a portrait on ivory of her 16-year-old daughter.

P. J. Brummer of Bridgehampton will give a special farrier (horseshoeing) demonstration. P. J. will ride to the dock on her famous horse, Lurch, who stands 17.3 hands high.

The N.Y. Ocean Science Laboratories, directed by Dr. John Biardi, and assisted by Byron Porterfield, will host the initial reception of the Unicorn landing in Montauk. The Lab will be open to the public with special exhibits on vital research projects the Lab conducts on life of the sea events; their boats are on display and the Lab's brochures are free to all visitors.

The public can avail itself of a "Bounty of the Sea Feast" of clam and chowder for a suggested donation of $10 per person, which includes boarding privileges. The bill of fare at dockside includes clams on half shell, steamed clams, steamed mussels, clam and fish chowder, sweet corn and cole slaw and coffee and tea. Beer, wine and sodas will be sold at an a la carte bar, also. The camera buffs are welcome to shoot the Unicorn and other vessels in the harbor, as well as enjoying all music and entertainment events, free of charge. Boarding privileges on the Unicorn are as follows: suggested donations of $.75 for kids and students; $1 for seniors, and $1.25 for other adults. Visiting hours are from 9:30 a.m. until 9:30 p.m. throughout the entire Labor Day weekend in Montauk, Sat., Sept. 2; Sun., Sept. 3, and Mon., Sept. 4. Special cruises are available for groups of 50 persons by contacting the Festival offce at 822-7722. Tickets for the seafood bash are being sold at local outlets; call N.Y. Ocean Science Lab at 668-5800 for information.

The Unicorn's itinerary is printed on lovely maps, free to all, from all Long Island State Parks Commission locations; and also at all Long Island Rail Road train stations from New York City to Montauk.



Contests & Tournaments

GREAT GUN ANGLERS ANNUAL SHARK TOURNEY

The Great Gun Anglers Annual Shark Tournament will be held on September 9, with $3,000 guaranteed prize money. First prize is $2,000; second prize $700 and third prize $300. Entry fee is $60 per boat. Free dockage available. Rain date will be September 10. For info and entry, call East Moriches Bait and Tackle at 516-878-4720.

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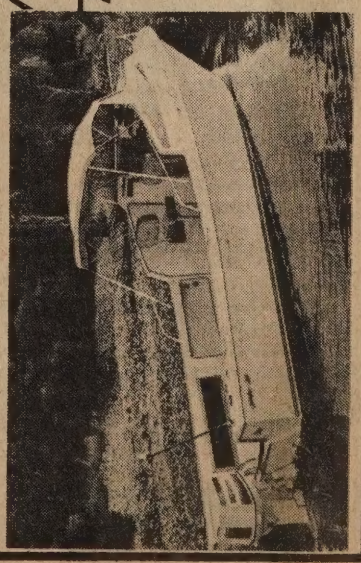

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CHUM LINES

INFO ON FISHING SHOREHAM'S WEST JETTY

Some fishing friends told me recently that the directions given in my article, ''Shoreham's West Jetty',, (Aug. 10, 1078) are no longer valid because the guards at Lilco are not allowing people to use the path mentioned. Unfortunately, the recently-published article, written sometime ago, coincided with a demonstration by a group of protesters against Lilco's nuclear reactor construction. Lilco is, understandably, a bit nervous.

I went to Shoreham this week to check out the situation. Indeed, my friends were correct, but the guards were friendly and informed me of another parking area nearby. Instead of turning right on N. Country Rd. and parking at Lilco, continue for about a quarter of a mile and turn right at the Shoreham Beach parking lot. But here you will find the usual parking attendant and if you do not live in Brookhaven, it will cost you $3.50. After Labor Day, you can fish here for nothing. Walk onto the beach and head for the jetty, less than half a mile to your right. For those who want to fish now, arrive at dawn and fish until about 8 AM, before the attendant arrives. It will cost you **nothing**. With the current hot spell, this is by far the best time to fish here. On the day I was there, I saw about a dozen anglers on the jetty (some had read the artice). They were catching porgies, mostly small ones with a few humpbacks mixed in. The pattern this season, then, is like two years ago when smaller fish were in during the summer. By mid-September, sizes should be great.

The guards and workers at Lilco told us to leave the jetty that day because they had to put up a warning sign (the old one was missing). For now, the jetty is **not** off-limits. (They also said that a school of blues showed up recently.)

In conclusion, I want to say that I believe that sensible people should be allowed to fish off any beach—for nothing. While I understand the reasons for town ordinances and communities wanting to protect 'their' beaches, I find that most fishermen do not create disturbances; they prefer solitude and fish far away from the bathers. Moreover, I live in New York City and do not feel angry when commuters from Long Island and other places use ''my city'' to earn a living and enjoy themselves while having the benefits of living in the suburbs or the country. It would be ridiculous to ''charge them a non-resident fee'' for their use of New York. On a typical day of shore fishing, I usually buy gas in the area, as well as food and cigarettes, bait and tackle, and occasionally, clothing or a gift for someone. When I fish, I clean up any mess I make and often other peoples' as well (left by residents and non-residents alike). I will use any legal means to find access to a beach for fishing. Being friendly with nervous residents, showing some courtesy, dressing reasonably—even shaving before going to such a place—and toting a garbage bag for picking up debris ''in return'' for gaining access, pays off. As a result, I can fish at a number of privately-owned places. You might consider the same. I will never reveal off-limits places to fish, but when I find a good spot that can be shared with others, e.g., Shoreham, I write an article. **Gerald Hahn, New York City.**

WANTS FISHERMEN TO CHARTER CAPT. DE MAIO

I have the pleasure of chartering Johnny DeMaio of Montauk every second Wednesday from early spring to late fall. Fishing is great and we could use one or two more men to share expenses on the boat. Fishing is from 1 PM to about 7-8 PM, and for details, party interested can call me at 201-372-1000 any morning. **Herman Slifer.**

BOATING

FREE COURSE OFFERED TO AREA BOATERS

The Jones Beach Power Squadron will present the Basic Boating Course of the United States Power Squadrons at Seaford Jr. High School, Washington Avenue, Seaford, New York. The first class will be held Monday, September 18, at 8 PM. Registration will be on opening night or by visiting our Registration Booth at Penny's Circle, Sunrise Mall, Massapequa, during the week of September 9-16.

The 12-week course is open to men, women and older teenagers, and you do not have to own a boat to apply. An examination will be given at conclusion, and those passing will be issued a certificate attested thereto by the Jones Beach Power Squadron. No one assumes any obligation to USPS in taking this course.

Instruction categories include: safety afloat, seamanship, aids to navigation, charts, piloting, compass, government regulations, rules of the road, small boat handling under normal and adverse conditions.

The United Power Squadron is dedicated to the teaching of the safe handling of small boats.

FISH TALK
with Dr. William A. Muller

FISHERMAN'S ★QUIZ★

WHY NOT! How about a fish and fish-people quiz? At the time of this writing, I would rate the quality of this fishing season at about a two on a scale of one to ten! Of course, things can change by the time this column is published: fishing can go from good to bad and back again in twenty-four hours. Anyway, the terrible fishing season explains why we have a quiz this week. I don't feel like writing about specific species and I can't find the energy to fall in love with some cute little peculiarity of fishing. I guess I should apologize, but then again—what for! Most of the people I have talked with this year agree that the season is El Stinko and their enthusiasm is similar to mine. Seriously, we will attempt to probe your fishing I.Q. and the following questions may prove to be anything from meaningful to absurd. The answers appear at the end of the column.

Questions:

1. Who said, "Surf fishing is like a war, and the battle is renewed every night?"

2. Who said, "If porgies grew to be twenty pounds, nobody would fish for striped bass?"

3. Are winter flounder right-handed or left-handed flatfish?

4. Bergalls are really nothing more than baby blackfish. True or false?

5. Which species of giant shark annually visits the waters around Long Island because they are following migrating whales and porpoises that are calving?

6. Which knot is most drastically effected by overlapping loops when the knot has been pulled tight: overhand knot, clinch knot, slip knot, thread knot?

7. Which knot is most negatively effected by a twist in the line: clinch knot, overhand knot, Palomar knot, thread knot?

8. Which is the best knot to tie when the pound test of the line is over twenty pounds: knot with few loops, knot with many loops or turns?

9. True or false. Moistening the line with saliva has no effect on the ultimate strength of the knot with all other factors being equal.

10. True or false: a striped bass can suck a clam from at least six inches below a sandy-mud sediment?

11. Which fish has the shortest life span: striped bass, spearing, sailfish?

12. Which fish has the longest life span: striped bass, spearing, sailfish?

13. How old is a forty pound bass: twelve, twenty-five or forty years?

14. Which of the following fish is most sensitive to pollution: striped bass, spearing, porgy, menhaden (bunker)?

15. What's another name for lafayettes?

16. Which of the following will die first in a bucket: snapper blue, spearing, killie?

17. What is meant by the term "scrod?"

18. Which of the following freshwater fish are known to eat ducks, mink, rats, and in general, anything it can swallow: trout, pickerel, muskellunge, lake trout, salmon?

19. Which of the following items constitute the majority of the diet for tilefish: eels, squid, crustaceans, cod, halibut, flying fish, worms, bunker, sand eels?

20. Which part of the blowfish do we eat:

Answers:

Come on, don't cheat! Answer the questions and then read this. Okay! Let's see how well you did. In order fo you to compare your results with those of other fishermen, you can assume that if you answered 50% of the questions, you had better sharpen up your knowledge. If you had fourteen correct answers you did well. If you had eighteen correct answers you can assume that your knowledge and fishing experience are among the best. If you had twenty correct answers, then you are perfect. I don't want to brag, but let's say that I had twenty correct answers. Now don't criticize me just because I made up the questions!

1. Frank Woolner, of course! Lots of you know that Frank is the Editor of the Salt Water Sportsman. In Frank's younger days, he beat the surf zone to a pulp looking for his beloved bass. He did "good" too.

2. Scott Simons, of course! Scott is the Managing Editor of L.I.F., infamous sinker bouncer, recently a poor but fighting diamond jigger, and heavy cigar smoker.

3. Right-handed. The mouth of the winter flounder opens to the right. Fluke are left-handed and have teeth too!

4. Small bergalls and small blackfish often resemble each other. However, they are two distinct species. The differences of color, teeth, and body shape become very clear as the fish get older.

5. This is easy. There's only one shark that eats mammals when it can get them: the great white shark.

6. This is a tough one, but you guys who know your knots got this question correct, right? The clinch knot.

7. The palomar knot. Also a difficult question. However, good fishermen are familiar with the advantages and disadvantages of the knots they tie. Just remember that the knot is the weakest link between you and that fifty pound bass.

8. Knots with few loops. Knots with many loops are difficult to pull tight with heavy test lines.

9. True. It has no effect on the strength of the line. However, the saliva acts as a lubricant and makes it possible to pull a knot tight with ease and thus makes a better knot.

10. True. The jaw bones and muscles of a striped bass are very powerful. They can generate enough suction to pull a razor clam at least six inches out of the sediment and suck in an eel from three feet away.

11. Sailfish. Open ocean pelagic fishes grow quickly and do not live a long time in proportion to their size. A lowly spearing may live five or six years, but a three-year-old sailfish is on the verge of old age.

12. Striped Bass. The striper is the only species of the three that regularly lives a life that can be counted in double digits.

13. You bass sharpies should know this one. The answer is twelve years. Growth rates vary, however. Therefore, it is possible that a bass of this size could be a little older or a year or two younger. However, it is virtually impossible for a forty pound bass to be either twenty-five or forty-years-old.

14. Bunker. Bunker have a rather high oxygen requirement and are sensitive to pollution. Spearing and bass will feed at the end of a sewage outfall pipe. While porgies like the water clean, they can still handle themselves when things get tough.

15. Spot. When you get to southern New Jersey and points south, folks call the little critters spot. Simple, but effective.

16. Snapper blues. You bet. Blues are pelagic ocean fish. They swim and swim and they need lots of oxygen and water. They croak quickly in a bucket, especially if the sun is out and the water is warm.

17. Any combination of haddock, cod, and pollack is called scrod in the marketplace. This is because the three species are often taken by the same methods in the same area and by using one name for all, the market supply and price does not fluctuate wildly. Since all three have similar taste qualities, little is lost by the use of this convention.

18. Muskellunge. These fish are the terrors of freshwater lakes and rivers. They frequently grow to fifty or sixty

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NATIONAL SCENE

NEWS & NOTES ON THE WORLD OF FISHING
with Al Ristori

Strange Political Maneuvering Dooms 26 Inch Limit

As most readers are aware by now, the twenty-six inch length limit for striped bass bill, which sailed through the Assembly and Senate with only a handful of negative votes, was vetoed by Governor Hugh Carey after the session was over. That action means that nothing at all will be done to deal with the declining striped bass fishery in New York this year.

The oddest part of this whole affair was the sight of the Governor and his opponent, Perry Duryea, Jr., on the same side of this issue—when practically every other legislator in the State was on the other side! Though Duryea (who has traditionally killed striped bass conservation efforts in the Assembly) was one of only seven votes against the bill in the Assembly, he did nothing to stop it. Normal political maneuvering would dictate that the Governor take a position opposite to his opponent's and gain the support of sportsmen favoring the conservation measure. However, the Governor had other problems. One of his closest political advisors is Judith Hope, formerly an East End politician, with close ties to the area's commercial fishermen. An even tougher situation existed in the Department of Environmental Conservation. The Commissioner, Peter A. A. Berle, recommended the veto of the twenty-six inch limit (which had been suggested by an out-of-state biologist) in deference to his own biologists. The irony here is that Berle was the sponsor of Save Our Stripers (SOS) game fish bill before becoming Commissioner—and that was at a time when stripers were relatively abundant!

The Governor's statement indicated that he knows little about the situation and was quite content that New York should do nothing to conserve a diminishing resource while the State/Federal Compact Program is considering the problem. Among other things, the Governor indicated that there was disagreement among sport and commercial fishermen as to whether there is, in fact, overfishing of striped bass. There may well be some disagreement in this area, but the fact that some people are so ignorant that they won't concede even the most obvious points is no excuse for the Governor to lend credence to such negative positions. I know of responsible sport or commercial fisherman, or marine biologist, who isn't aware of the decline in striped bass populations due to the fact that there hasn't been a good spawning year since 1970. With no significant recruitment, it should be obvious to even the uninitiated that the remaining stocks of large fish will be continually depleted by both fishing and natural mortality. From western Long Island, south, the striped bass fishery is at the lowest point I've observed it in my fishing career. The remaining stocks of migratory stripers are concentrated in the prime feeding area from Montauk to Cape Cod, where fishing is still quite good from time to time. However, the lack of small bass should tell the story to everyone: there won't be any hope for the fishery if we don't take steps to ensure at least the possibility of a good spawning year.

Unfortunately, there is no simple solution to this problem. As is the case with virtually all fish, the striped bass could stage a remarkable comeback from very low stock levels if spawning conditions are just right. About all we can do is ensure that adequate spawning stock will be available whenever those conditions may occur. Just what that level is, is anyone's guess but, for the sake of future generations, we should take a conservative position in this area. There are lots of legitimate differing opinions as to how to go about this, and the twenty-six inch limit (intended to allow every female striper to spawn at least once) may not have been the ideal solution. Yet, the Governor's veto ensured only that New York would continue to do nothing about a serious situation. I hope that those who have chosen to take a negative position on this issue will be ready with a plan of their own if the State/Federal Compact Program doesn't come up with a unified approach before the next legislative session.

Shark Tag Returns Help Trace Movements of Oceanic Wanderers

During the recent Shark Tag Tournament held out of Montauk Marine Basin, five previously tagged blue sharks were taken by anglers and brought in for inspection by the teams of scientists working at dock-side. Though the boat I was fishing on (the "Jay Jeffrey York" out of Atlantic Beach) didn't enjoy a great deal of action, we did catch two of the five tagged sharks. Ordinarily we would not bring in small blue sharks, but Jack Casey had asked all tournament anglers to retain any tagged shark. The biologists like to examine these fish to get an indication of growth rates and general condition, as well as migratory information.

One tag return was of the long-term variety: that eight foot ten inch blue shark had been tagged two years before off Fire Island. Two other sharks had been tagged at the Bay Shore Tournament in June; while the last two were tagged off the eastern end of the Island within the past month. My eighty pounder fell into that category. It had been tagged as a free-swimming fish by Bob Conklin, of Riverhead, L.I., three weeks before. Conklin was right on the nose with his estimate of the fish's weight.

The shark tagging program is run by the National Marine Fisheries Service Lab at Narragansett, R.I. Jack Casey, who is in charge of the program, is probably the foremost expert on sharks in our waters. Due to cutbacks in Government expenditures, the success of the program is dependent on the voluntary cooperation of individual anglers. If you'd like to participate, drop Jack a line at: National Marine Fisheries Service, Northeast Fisheries Center, Narragansett Lab, South Ferry Road, Narragansett, R.I. 02882. He'll supply free tags and instructions to qualified anglers. A $5 reward is paid to those returning tags.

While most sharks tend to be recaptured in the same general area and at the same time of year they were originally tagged, there are plenty of exceptions to that rule. A blue shark tagged off Long Island was recently recaptured off Granada, West Indies—a distance of 1840 miles! It wasn't many years ago that anglers routinely killed every "killer of the sea" that took their hook. Fortuntely, that attitude has changed for the better, and tagging is now an accepted practice among all dedicated shark fishermen. Compared to other fish, sharks have very poor reproductive capacities and can be easily overfished.

Billfish and Sharks PMP

The Preliminary Management Plan for billfish and sharks is presently under review, with hearings being held at several points along the coast. Though one of these public hearings was scheduled for Asbury Park, N.J. on August 23, Long Island was completely left out of the process. Actually, the hearings should be relatively routine, as no significant changes affecting this area are contemplated. This PMP affects only the foreign fleets, specifically the longliners, who take an incidental catch of billfish and sharks. All billfish must be released in the water, and a total of 1200 metric tons of sharks must be shared by all the foreigners. Originally this was expected to be a by-catch allocation for the Japanese longliners, but both Cuba and the Azore Islands have applied for directed quotas.

Since the Cubans are interested in ground sharks found in the Gulf of Mexico, the big change in the plan is a requirement for large hooks in that fishery in order to reduce the

incidental catch of valuable grouper and snapper. The application by the Azore Islanders is of more concern to area sportsmen. They wish to conduct a fishery for porbeagles and other associated sharks (most likely blues and makos). As far as I can tell, the porbeagle is virtually extinct in our area. About a decade ago it was a fairly common early season shark, but after a Norwegian longline fishery worked on them a couple of years (porbeagles are closely related to makos and very good eating) they seemed to disappear.

The original version of the PMP last year included a complete ban on the retention of the sport sharks—blues, makos and porbeagles. Just as the plan was ready to go, that ban was dropped as the scientists couldn't come up with the figures to justify it. Actually, all the figures used in this plan are little more than an educated guess. Though the law specifies that we must have MSY (maximum sustained yield) and OSY (optimum sustained yield) information for planning, the reality is that we not only don't have such information, but aren't even likely to get it in the near future. In the meantime, we're faced with a situation in which one species (the porbeagle) has completely disappeared from our waters, and two others (blues and makos) are heavily stressed by an expanding sport fishery. The law dictates that we manage the fisheries, and we should not be so tied to the letter of the regulations that we fail to carry out the basic mandate. At the latest Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council meeting, I proposed that the Council endorse the ban on blues, makos and porbeagles in the PMP and ask that it be included in the final document. That resolution was passed unanimously. If NMFS will go along, this will effectively preclude the fishery proposed by the Azore Islands.

Hart and Goldman Re-Elected to 3rd Term on Mid-Atlantic Council

At its latest meeting in Hershey, Pa., the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council unanimously re-elected Captain Dave Hart as Chairman and Elliot Goldman as Vice Chairman. Dave, a retired commercial captain from Cape May, N.J., has served with distinction for the past two years. Being retired, he has been able to devote all the time needed to carry out his duties. Though a commercial fisherman by trade, Dave is an enthusiastic sportsman, and can do quite a job with a fly rod and popping bugs on black bass! Elliot Goldman is a distinguished Philadelphia attorney and sport fisherman. The Council has made a lot of progress with this team, and avoided the infighting so common in organizations such as this. With most of our managment plans under way, or in the preliminary planning stages, we're looking forward to another productive year.

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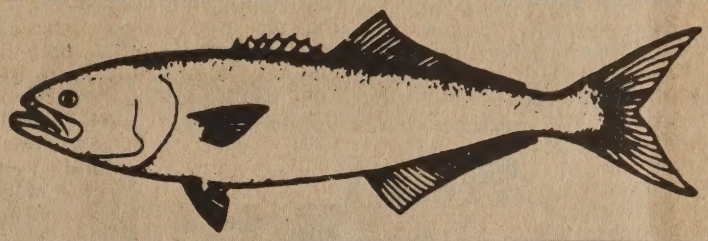

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While most normal people regret the termination of the summer season, the surfcaster has been anxiously awaiting the coming of Autumn. Although the first days of September are summer-like, imperceptible changes in the weather are taking place. The midday sun still emanates abundant heat, but the sunlight hours are shorter, allowing the nights to take on a distinct chill. In conjunction with this slow changing of the seasons, the fishing scene gradually changes from the slow pace of summer to the hectic action of the fall run. Since this is a gradual transformation, the fishing routine found productive the previous month should not be quickly abandoned for the techniques typical of the fishing on migrating fish. Striped bass and weakfish are still inhabiting the quiet waters of the channels and inlets of the back-side. Small swimming plugs, worked patiently at night, will provide action. This is medium tackle fishing, so enjoy it while you can, for when the blitz type fishing characteristic of the latter part of this month starts, with its accompanying crowds, heavy tackle is a must.

Red Fin and Rebel floating plugs in either five or seven inch lengths are the primary lures employed. Colors can vary from black and silver, blue and pearl, or red and white, but often when the fry of weakfish or blowfish are present yellow tinted plugs are killers. On occasion, sinking Rebels, bucktails, or Whip Tails are needed to entice these game fish, so a variety of lures should be tested. If dawn finds you still plugging away, switch to small chrome poppers such as the Creek Chub or Cordell's Near Nothings.

Live eels will begin to score with more consistency on big bass and bluefish in such areas as Pt. Lookout, Gilgo, Democrat and the south side of Montauk. Possibly the best location to give this method a try is the beach front east of Parking Field 6 at Jones Beach.

The fish finder rig used with tackle capable of casting the eel and three to six ounces of lead is required. It would be a smart move to include wire leaders or at least material necessary to fashion such leaders in your tackle bag. Many times jumbo blues will be attracted to your bait. If this is the case, save any bits and pieces of dead eels for they will work equally as well on bluefish.

Bunker is a prime bluefish bait at this time, for now the blues should start herding the bunker schools in the north shore harbors. You can participate in this wild action by being present before dawn at an accessible spot at the head of these bays. Popping plugs or the metal lip swimmers often take fish, but the more reliable method is to fish either cut bait or sling out a live bunker in the areas inhabited by these schools. Obtaining the bunker is no problem if the schools are present. A weighted treble hook jerked through the bunker school will provide all the bait one can use. Do not be too anxious to horse in the struggling bunker, for often a prowling blue will be attracted to the fresh blood and commotion. If the bunker schools are not present, chances are the blues are absent also; it would be better to check out other nearby harbors.

Huntington Harbor, Cold Spring Harbor, and Mt. Sinai are just a few of the possible locations for this fishing. Once the bunker are present in the harbor, it is only a matter of time before the blues find them.

Frequently, fishing bottom on the beaches of the north shore will produce bluefish after sunset. Chunks of bunker used from a fish finder rig with cork and wire leader is the preferred method. Makamah, Mt. Sinai, and the North Fork beaches are areas which have produced in the past years.

Later on in the month, this type of bottom fishing can be rewarding, even in the daylight hours. Often while one is waiting for a hit and wondering if there is a bluefish within miles, schools of surface feeding blues will appear off the beach. The screaming gulls and frenzied thrashing of the water's surface is a sight which will quicken one's pulse even when the fish are out of reach. If the day happens to be your lucky day, this school will make a pass at the beach where you are waiting—that is when all hell breaks loose. Poppers, tins, swimmers, just about anything one can cast into the school will be savagely hit. Drop one fish and another will impale itself on your hooks before the lure travels more than a few feet. Frayed lines, lost plugs, straightened hooks and wild-eyed fishermen are a small part of this hectic scene.

As the month progresses, this type of action is increasingly common along the sandy beaches of the south shore from Shinnecock east to Ditch Plains. Because this is such a vast stretch of beach, where the schools can appear at any place at any time, one must be favored by the Gods or privy to an extensive grapevine, to be at the right place at the right time. When these schools hit the surf, they will usually stay put for a few days, so even if you missed the action one day, make sure you are at the scene bright and early the next day.

After Labor Day, the restrictions on beach vehicle use are eased along these beaches. Several buggies equipped with CB radios can cover many miles of oceanfront.

For those of you who are unable to or dislike chasing up and down the shore line trying to pinpoint these roaming schools, there are areas at Montauk where blues, weaks and often bass are almost guaranteed during the latter part of September. North Bar fished on the falling tide during the night using darters or bottle plugs, is probably the most consistent location. Under the Light on the top of the incoming is a close second in productivity. Use the same darters or bottle plugs; the colors yellow or white are generally considered the more productive shades at night. If the fish are picky, try a brown darter. Last year this color outscore the more popular colors for a few nights anyway.

If daylight still finds you plugging away under the Light, switch to a white or a yellow bucktail. This area has a difficult bottom for this method of fishing, so a good supply should be carried in your bag. The idea is to try to get the bucktail as close to the bottom as possible without getting hung up. Big blues and impressive sized bass were taken in this manner last year.

If the crowds attracted to these two popular areas turn you off, gives Jones Reef and Scotts a try, using darters and bottles at night or poppers and tin after sunrise. At least on one occasion last year the crowds were busy blitzing blues at North Bar while a few sharpies were hanging bass at Jones.

Now if you really want to be alone, turn your back to the scenes described and get out on those rocks under the south side bluffs. In addition to the lures mentioned, excluding bucktails and bottle plugs, try your larger swimming plugs such as the seven inch Rebel and Red Fin floaters or the Atom 40s and Danny plugs.

One final word before we leave the Montauk Point area: if the wind starts blowing with some force out of the northeast, do everything possible to see that you are on the beach at the Point.

Here we are with the article almost finished and I haven't mentioned the most notable occurrence which takes place about mid-September. This is the mullet run which takes place along the beaches adjacent to the south shore inlets. During some years the run is minor, but on occasion, usually during a strong northeast blow, wild action on cow bass is commonplace. During any nor'easter around mid-month, get yourself down to the beach on the west side of the inlets and start working a blue popper.

Undoubtedly many areas of good surf casting have been overlooked. September is the time of the year when anything can happen at any location. Spend as much time as possible on the waterfront, but don't get tied down to one area if the results are meager. Move around, try out some of the areas mentioned here or scout new areas. Above all, work it; this is probably your last chance this year to hang fish under pleasant weather conditions. Next month the fishing should hold, but temperatures will not.

SUMMER VISITORS

BY FRED GUARDINEER

MANY VARIETIES OF TROPICAL FISH VISIT THE WATERS OF THE NORTH-EAST DURING THE WARM DAYS OF SUMMER MAKING NEWS WHEN HAULED ABOARD BY A FLUKE FISHERMAN. OTHERS, TOO BIG FOR A BOTTOM HOOK, CAN STRIKE TERROR ALONG THE CROWDED BATHING BEACHES SUCH AS...

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with Matt Ahern

What It Takes

What does it take to become an outstanding fisherman? It's an interesting question and the very one a fisherman asked me recently. I told him I thought his question might be pretty tough to answer. Although I've got my ideas on what the correct answer is, I knew if I told him what these were, he'd think I was some kind of nut. So instead I gave him the answer I sensed he was expecting. I told him that outside of learning the important basics, a fisherman had to have his share of luck. He agreed, saying that as far as he was concerned, my reply was exactly right. He, too, had found it so on innumerable occasions. But actually I felt guilty, for I had only half answered his query. My answer, I suppose, would have been perfectly suitable if he had asked what it takes to become a fisherman, but when he let fly from left field with that adjective "outstanding," it was a whole new ball game. Yes, I had short-changed the gentleman with my answer, but not with malice aforethought, as our friends in the legal profession say, but rather because I felt kind of foolish confessing my true feelings at the time. I didn't want him to know I was one of those dyed-in-the-wool fishing nuts—which, of course, happens to be perfectly true. Anyone who knows me well will agree that I'm a first-class fishing nut. In fact, there are some gentle souls of my acquaintance who will tell you that my narrowing of this mental state only to fishing is a camouflage at best, a mere bit of whimsy on my part, and when you get right down to it, nothing but an outright falsehood which fools no one.

Anyway, be that as it may, just what do I really believe it takes to become an outstanding fisherman?

Offhand, I'd say many things. But of all these many things, there are two characteristics all outstanding fishermen possess. A heartfelt desire and determination to succeed is one, and a deep-rooted love for the fishing game is the other. If you have these, cherish them for that's all you need to be successful. Every other aspect of the fishing game springs from these two requirements. Without them every aspiring angler is reduced to mediocrity.

Let me give you an example of what I mean by telling you about two fishermen I'm acquainted with. One of these fellows I know slightly; the other only by correspondence. Strangely enough, both fellows asked me the identical question last spring: how does one go about catching weakfish? They had been trying for sometime and had yet to catch the first one.

I gave them the best information I could. One of the things I stipulated was that it was important to be out there fishing at either daybreak or sunset, with the edge favoring early morning. Lacking the opportunity to do this, they should try to get in some night fishing, which I have found can usually be depended upon to produce weaks. I asked them to please let me know what results they got.

A week or so later, the fellow I knew slightly told me he had tried all week long at the times specified. Twice before going to work in the morning; twice after work in the evening, and once at night during the weekend. No. dice. Not a hit. I figured that was enough to discourage anyone, but not this fisherman. "I'll get one yet," he told me. "I know those fish are out there. All I've got to do is iron out a few wrinkles. Damned if I'll quit now!" The very next morning, beginning at 4 AM, he nailed a half-dozen nice weakfish and a fluke. I guess he's been doing okay since. Desire and determination pays off in the fishing game.

The other fellow?

He wrote and said that so far he hadn't had a bit of luck, although he had been trying hard. I told him about the success of the other fellow, hoping to lend a little encouragement. His reply came back posthaste. It told me exactly why he wasn't having a bit of success with the weakfish. He carefully explained that the only time he had to fish was on weekends which, of course, is just about the way it is with most of us, but when it came to getting in the early or late fishing—that was out. If he pushed himself, he said, the earliest morning fishing he could possibly manage would be about ten o'clock. Forget the evening and night fishing because these times interfered with the numerous other things he had going.

My reply? I told him to forget weakfishing as a steady diet and take up flounder or fluke. Even then, he was pushing his luck. Of course what he lacked was that heartfelt desire and determination to succeed which is so necessary for all successful fishermen. He would like to catch weakfish, all right, but only on his terms.

Okay, now what about that second requirement: that deep-rooted love for the fishing game?

I've never seen an exceptional fisherman who didn't have it, plus a heaping dollop of love for the fish he seeks. With that statement, I know I have caused grins of derisive mockery to bloom unseen. But don't fret. My brain hasn't become addled by long exposure to fishing. It would be, though, if I hadn't noticed this phenomenon over the years.

The next time you meet a fisherman with a well-established fish-catching reputation, get him started on his favorite subject. It won't take much persuasion, I assure you. Here is a guy who will literally talk the hinges off the privy door. Ask him his views on fishhooks. On bait. Tides. Wind and its effect on fishing. Barometer readings. High and low pressure effects. You name it: if it pertains to fishing, he has his own ideas on the subject. And you may depend on those ideas if you wish to use them as aids in your fishing. This fellow isn't kidding. Because he's in love with the fishing game, he's dead serious. Just how serious you'll never know unless you, too, become smitten. So don't laugh, friends. It could happen to you with the right approach.

How do you get the right approach? Easy. Make up your mind that none of us know a damned thing about fishing. Approach the sport with a mind as arid as the Sahara. That's what it takes. Even the master fisherman whom we have just discussed will admit he knows little. And the more he discovers, the more he realizes just how very little that little is. He has only learned through trial-and-error but a fraction of what is available if he could but apply more energy to the sport. This is the incentive that makes him a good fisherman. He's in there pitching all the time. That's what it takes.

Never forget the simple fact that the more you learn

The Master Fisherman who caught these fish certainly has *"what it takes"!*

about your sport, the more you aspire to succeed, the more you will learn. Delve into its mysteries ever so slightly and it will be forced upon you whether you will it or not. The fishing game is a bottomless well of knowledge for the inquisitive fisherman.

No two fishing days are exactly alike. What worked today may not necessarily work tomorrow. And this is where the beginner becomes discouraged. He just cannot figure out the fish. Nor will he ever. He understandably overlooks the fact that he's dealing with Nature, not some technological advancement in man-made machinery, let's say, where two and two make four. In Nature, two plus two may make five, or it may even become a meaningless cipher.

Your problem, if you wish to excel, is to learn why this is so, so that the next time the fish put on the finicky act you will at least have something experience has led you to fall back upon. This is why the master fisherman has his reputation. He's been all through this before and because he looked upon his problem with undivided attention and used the old gray matter, Nature has given him a treasure trove. He always has something waiting in the wings. Perhaps it may be a trick that he hasn't used in five years—but he has it, ready to be trotted out at those most crucial moments which mean so much in the fishing game. And he didn't get it by starting his fishing days at ten o'clock. That's what it takes.

Hell, you say, what guy in his right mind wants to learn something that may work only every five years or so. If that is your thought, you have missed the point. Even if what you learned is never used again in exactly the same way, the fact that you have acquired that knowledge opens new doorways to better fishing.

Here again is an example.

Several summers ago, my fishing buddy, Nick Hauck, had made arrangements to go fluke fishing off the Rockaways with a neighbor who owned a neat twenty-four footer. I was invited along and gladly accepted, for I do love ocean fluke fishing. Weather-wise, the day was a washout: gloomy, gray, a light northeast breeze, falling barometer, and intermittent rain. The works! I knew from past experience that our fluke chances were slim, but I kept my disappointment to myself. But when we took on our killie bait, I said I thought it might be a good idea to take aboard a half-bushel of skimmer. No one objected, but I could see our host wondering about Nick Hauck's strange friend. Who uses skimmer for fluke?

Well, as expected, the fluke fishing died that day with but three fish among us. I recall that I didn't get a hit. No fisherman I know does well with fluke on a northeast breeze in the ocean unless he chooses to change his plans and spend the day in a sheltered creek on an outgoing tide. Don't ask me why this is so. I don't know.

We did give the fluke a fair try, though; but it was hopeless. It was then when I made the suggestion to run over to the Tin Can Grounds and try our skimmer on the porgy population. We caught porgies until we were arm-weary. If you want to enjoy good sea porgy fishing, don't overlook the benefits derived from a northeast wind.

Okay, what I'm trying to bring out is that if I hadn't had such porgy experience before with just the same weather conditions, we would have returned to the dock with but three fluke. I learned that bit of porgy fishing lore as a kid working the party boats in the old days. Only once before had I used it in like circumstances, and that was at least thirty years earlier. So what's this about the non-value of fishing information that may only be used again five years from now?

So, you fellows who wish to excel at the fishing game can do no better than to latch on to some of that desire and determination so necessary to become outstanding fishermen. Oh, yes, don't forget about the love that goes with the fishing game.

For truly, that's what it takes.

TRUE ALBACORE

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believing they had located a grassy island. They were exhausted little creatures, and once they settled on the boat, they barely moved. They looked like finches, and where they were coming from or where they were going across that vast ocean, remains a mystery.

A few of the birds also landed in the cockpit, and absolutely refused to budge. This made fishing very difficult. Reeling in a stubborn fish and backing up on a slippery deck was ticklish enough without worrying about stepping on a tiny tired bird. Or two, or three. Their visit lasted about half an hour and then, one by one, the birds flew off. Whether they would be eaten by voracious sea gulls, or ever reach shore, we would never know.

We continued fishing, and all in all, we picked up fifteen true albacore. The fish well was bulging, and after the last albacore was boated, Scotty and Dave took each one out of the fish well and re-stacked them, in a vain hope that they would all fit. On the way home, we passed through heavy storms and high winds, and reached Jones Inlet almost enveloped in darkness. Ahead of us now was the task of filleting hundreds and hundreds of pounds of prime fish. Of course, we would all pitch in willingly, and stack our freezers full. It had been another great day at the Canyon.

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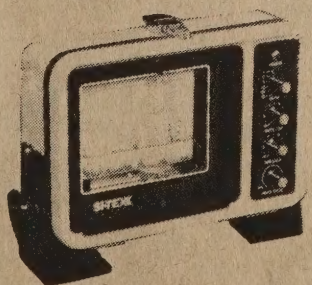

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Party Boat EXOTICS

by Bruce Sucher

If you work on a party boat that fishes strictly for bluefish, then by late August even the odd fluke or sea bass begins to look exotic. But to me the name implies the different or rare species that is caught while you are concentrating on a particular fish. With that definition in mind, I'll place the Spanish mackerel and dolphin into the same exotic category as the bonito, false albacore and school tuna.

The first two species I've mentioned are so rarely encountered by party boat fishermen that to outline specific angling techniques would be a waste of time. And in the past few seasons, the school tuna have been as rare as stripers in the sixty pound class. If you hang one, consider yourself lucky. But the bonito and false albacore are another story. By late August, the water temperature has reached a point where these warm water predators can feel comfortably at home in the New York Bight and points east and south.

Although mid-September signals the beginning of the end (and the best fishing) for the dedicated fisherman, it is also the time for old skills and techniques to be dusted off and sharpened. Rare is the angler who would not love to sink his hook into a fast swimming, hard fighting "bone" or "albie." But for some reason it is usually the chosen few who consistently make the catches. And no, it is not luck—although this plays a role. Invariably it is a mate or experienced angler who made the score. Someone who had taken the time and made the effort to study these fish and develop those "old skills and techniques." However, it is not impossible for the beginner to catch his share, just as long as he is willing to expend a little time, energy and cash in his pursuit of the exotics.

Now sometimes you can catch bonito or false albacore without really trying. You're fishing for blues and something grabs your baited hook or artificial. You'll know right away that it is not a bluefish. Your mono will hiss through the water and almost as fast as you can look, the beast has run from one end of the boat to the other. And your rod tip will throb rhythmically with the fish's tail movement. When it's finally over and the albie is beating a staccato drum roll on the deck, then you'll have learned the first and most important lesson in fishing for the exotics: they are fantastic fighters and worthy of special attention.

For the most part, these fish are caught on artificials during the day. For every ten that hit a jig, one will take bait. They are fast moving, aggressive fish with large eyes and keen vision. That should tell you something right away. First, the lure you use has to really move through the water. If the fish gets a chance to examine it, he probably won't hit it. The only way I know of doing this is by either trolling (but we're on an anchored party boat) or by using a high speed reel and turning that handle as fast as you can—the 4:1 Jigmaster is about the best for the job. But any reel of equivalent size and ratio will do. That excludes the beautiful line of small sized bait casting reels with high ratio gearing.

The type of rod you use is more crucial here than it is for bluefishing. A seven foot, soft to medium action rod with a whippy tip is best. This is no place for pool cue or baseball bat shark sticks. The more the tip moves, the better off you are. Without trying, your tip will move as you are spinning the reel handle. Your lure will bounce and dance to the erratic tip movement, and that will make a big difference in the number of fish you'll hook.

Doug prepares to unhook an 8-lb. fish that was nailed on a fast-retrieved *Bridgeport Vi-Ke Jig.*

Dave's first fish of the day, a bone that hit a jig.

When bait fishing, line is even more critical with bonito and albacore than it is for bluefish. The lighter your line, the more hits you will get. Fifteen pound is about as low as you dare go on a party boat and twenty will produce almost as well. If it's a mixed pick of blues and exotics and you're jig fishing, then thirty pound test will do, but the angler who goes light has a definite advantage. And, of course, you will use a premium grade of pink monofilament in whatever weight you decide to use.

Though bonito and albacore will hit almost any chromed jig or plated lure, the Bridgeport Vi-Ke produces best. I find the two ounce size to be Numero Uno and the one-and-a-quarter ounce version a close second. The two ounce model gives you better casting range and your lure will be in the water longer and be proportionately more effective. Small five-eighths ounce silver Krocodiles, Kastmasters, A-27s—they all have their day. If you see one is getting better results than the Vi-Ke, then change; but in my experience this rarely happens.

Unfortunately, the Vi-Ke comes with a treble hook. I discard this and attach a #6 split ring and a #1 nickel-plated swivel. Then I squeeze on a short shank 4/0 O'Shaughnessy or a 5/0 straight eye, gold-plated beak hook. The gold hook stays brighter in saltwater and I think this is a plus when mounted on the jig. The only way I know of to open the eye of the hook is by sliding the cutting edge of a fisherman's plier into the end of the eye, squeezing and slowly prying it open. It's a forged hook and a few may snap before you get the hang of this bothersome procedure, but it's worth the trouble.

These fish respond readily to chum, especially if it's laced with fresh spearing. And unlike bluefish they will not often lay back in the slick. They will feed just out of sight and sometimes you will even see their streamlined bodies crisscrossing through the chum, daintily picking out the choice tidbits. Fish as close as possible to the man who is chumming. If the boat is crowded and the sharpies have beaten you to it, then study the way the chum is flowing and cast your jig so it will pass through the slick. Let the jig hit bottom, then reel like hell. Frequently, the hit will come as you near the surface, so don't give up on the retrieve until the lure is out of the water. Another trick is to just drop the jig straight down; let it touch bottom and reel it back up. These fish sometimes lay in the shadow of the boat, occasionally dashing out to grab a piece of food. If the bone or albie happens to see your fast-moving jig, then you're in.

Bait fishing is the most sporting way to catch albacore and bonito. Light line is essential (by party boat standards fifteen and twenty are gossamer weight); you can either splice on a six foot length of the thin line or have an extra spool filled with it. Tie on a short shank tuna hook—size two or four being perfect. These small hooks are incredibly strong, so don't worry about their diminutive size. The reason you use such a small piece of iron is that it can be concealed in the bait. Just clinch knot it to your line. If there is a strong tide, then use a small shot or a piece of one and place it about three feet above the hook. The best bait is a fresh, not frozen, spearing about four inches long. If the boat you're on is chumming with them, then pick out the largest you can find and hide them. You can tell the bonito and albacore freaks—they are the ones bent over the bait can picking through the mess of small silver-sided fish. Smelts work, but not nearly as well.

Push the hook through the body of the bait just behind its head. Gently cast it out, making sure there is some slack between it and you. Strip off about thirty feet; if no action, then reel in and try again. If you can time your cast with the mate's chum toss, your chances are greatly improved.

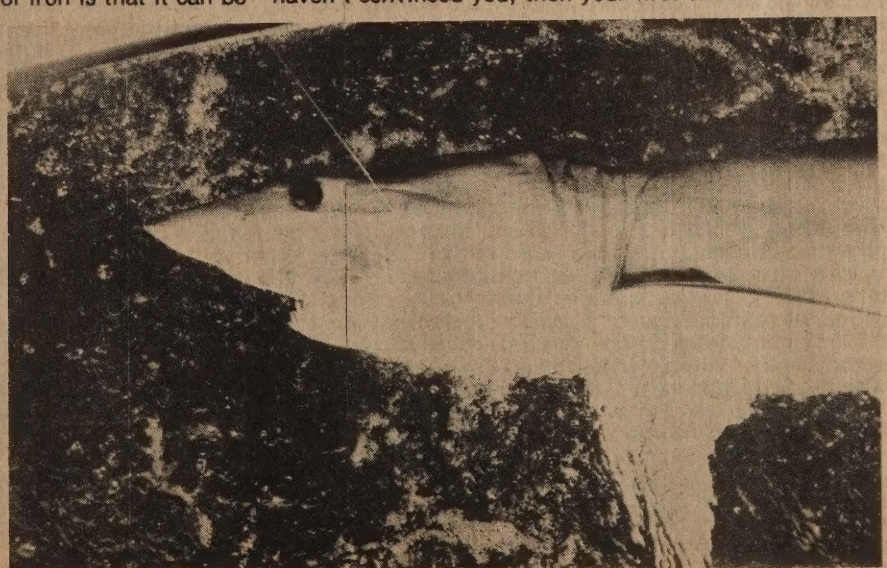
When the hit comes, it is dynamite. Lock your reel and strike. Then just hold on and watch the line peel off. If your drag was too tight or the line had a nick, then you just found out about it. Fish caught on bait seem to fight the best, but maybe it's only because of the light line and loose drag.

Occasionally you'll see these fish feeding on the surface. Their backs come out of the water and sometimes the whole fish will bust through the top. It is beautiful and exciting to see, but for some reason these fish are the hardest to catch. Once while fishing the Klondike Grounds, our boat was surrounded by large schools of surface feeding albacore. We saw them all day, but not one was hooked. Frustration, thy name is fishing.

The best weather for the exotics is usually the worst for the angler. Dark days with heavy cloud cover seem to be the best conditions for good catches. I think it has a lot to do with underwater visibility—but that's only a theory. Night fishing for these species is almost non-existent: concentrate on the blues and hope for the best.

In all honesty, I can't call sharks an exotic; but their appearance in the bluefish chum slick cannot be considered an everyday event. Suddenly the blues will stop and perhaps you'll even see the brute indifferently feeding a dozen yards away. Mako, blue, tiger or dusky sharks will usually be too large for your bluefish tackle. But the captain will probably have the appropriate heavy gear and hardware to make short work of the animal. It's exciting just to watch this one-on-one combat between man and beast.

So that's the way it's done. The unknowing, inexperienced angler will consider the methods I've described as unnecessary and insignificant details. But the intelligent ones will understand and once they put them to the test, will know they're right on the money. Once they've practiced what I've been saying, they'll catch their share of bones and albies. These fish are truly the cream of the party boats varied harvest. And on your part, definitely worthy of some serious concentration. If I haven't convinced you, then your first encounter will.



This mako put a dent in the bluefishing, but the fish returned soon after the shark had been landed.

LONG ISLAND SOUND:
CHUMMING BLUEFISH

by Ron Onorato

For those of us who fished the western Long Island Sound areas for bluefish during the early 1970s, last season will seem like a mere drop in the bucket. Yet for the most part, there was fair-to-middlin' bluefishing to be had by those who put any sort of effort into it. The blues were around for most of the summer; they were large, and fairly numerous. What was lacking was the surface action that so many of us enjoy. The pattern has been forming for the past few years, and it looks like it will continue for the next few years. With the current swelling of the sand eel population in the western Sound areas, it gave hope that the bluefish would give up their bottom-hugging act and once again move into their surface feeding frenzies, but it didn't really happen that way. The sand eels were there all right, and so were the blues, but with just a few exceptions, the fish really never fed heavily on the surface. The fish stayed deep with the bait right through most of the summer months. It is fortunate that the sand eels are around in decent numbers, because that is the only bait that seems to be around in the area. The spearing population is pretty well shot, and the bunker are also pretty well at the low end of abundance—although they showed up strongly towards the end of last year. Also, as has been the case for the past few years, the big choppers and some bass as well, have taken to feeding on the ever-abundant snapper population. These baby blues are very well received by their bigger brothers, and last year, the snappers were as abundant as ever. Last year was the year that a good number of western Sound fishermen took to bunker chumming and scored well; perhaps better than their South Shore counterparts, who had a tough time with the bunker chumming last year. Sharpshooters have been using bunker chum up in the Sound for the past few years with excellent success, but last year was the first time that its use became a little more widespread.

The diamond jiggers did the best with the blues as far as overall production was concerned. It was simply a matter of cruising over the reefs and dropoffs with the recorder and looking for the fish. Usually the best action was found in the deep waters of mid-Sound, or along the edges of some of the shoals. Early mornings produced some very consistent action in many spots, while midday and evening produced little for the jiggers. Apparently the blues had scattered the sand eels so much that it took them awhile to re-school again. After that frantic early morning action, the wire line trollers went to work and picked away at some fish; but the action was spotty at best and a lot of work. This was the time for the bunker chummers to come into action. Much has already been written about diamond jig fishing for blues, so we'll skip over that area and move right into the bunker chumming—which up to this point has received very little attention up on the North Shore.

The bluefishermen up in the Sound really have it made when they take a look at their South Shore counterparts. The Sound, while it may seem large to those who fish it, is really a relatively compacted piece of water—especially in its western sections. The South Shore, on the other hand, is all open ocean with no harbors or bays, and the blues use this open water to their advantage. Last year, the fish chased bait all over the Atlantic and had many skippers pulling their hair out. The blues up in the Sound, while they will move around, are really quite restricted in their movements. Another plus factor is that the weather and sea conditions in the Sound are usually much better than in the ocean, and you can cover that much more ground looking for the fish.

A mistake that a great many fishermen made—and it was done often—was to try to chum fish when they were heavy on bait. Little did they realize that they were just wasting their time and chum. It is difficult, if not impossible, to draw fish when they are feeding heavily on bait. The fish are excited by the live bait and are moving about quickly in a frenzied manner. The fish are moving and it is hard to get them into the chum slick no matter how hard you try. When the fish are not feeding heavily on bait, but are just more or less hanging out near the bottom, is when you should chum. On one trip last year near Eaton's Neck, the jiggers were doing a good job on five pound blues on the deep side of the dropoff. A boat comes along with a couple of cans of chum and starts doling it out like he's tuna fishing. After an hour without a fish, he takes off, never to be seen again. If he had shown a little patience and jigged like the rest were doing, he would have taken fish. When the fish went off the jigs, he should have moved out towards mid-Sound, and tried his chumming there, where I am sure he would have taken fish. It was a matter of doing the wrong thing at the wrong time. Bluefish are very funny creatures sometimes, and despite their savage reputation, they can be very finicky at times. A few years ago up in Hempstead Harbor, the blues were massacring the bunkers at the southern end of the Harbor just about every evening around dusk. On this particular evening, the fishing started off as usual with a few blues being taken on the bunker chunks fished near the schools of bunkers. Suddenly the bunkers sounded and then popped up in very scattered formation with no densely schooled concentrations. An hour went by and not a single blue was taken by any of the boats drifting in the area. We all thought that the blues had taken off for parts unknown, as we didn't take a single fish the remainder of the evening. If it wasn't for a boat at the mouth of the Harbor that had taken over fifty fish, we would still be wondering where the fish went. This fellow was trolling out there by himself just to get away from the crowd, when he came across acres of tiny two-inch spearing. At first, the tiny bait was just swimming along in patches without much disturbance, when very quickly and dramatically the blues burst in on the bait. He loaded the boat by trolling a very tiny white tube on an umbrella rig. The blues had apparently left the foot-long bunker to feed on tiny two-inch spearing.

Well, so much for the anecdotes and on to the important things. We'll go right into the bunker chumming and look at how to rig up and where to start fishing. Usually a five gallon tin of bunker chum will get you through a four-hour fishing trip; if you plan on fishing a full day, then two tins will be needed.

As mentioned earlier, don't start your chumming when the fish are moving around a lot. When nothing is showing on top, and the others are just picking away at the fish, then it is time to start chumming. What I usually do is start right out for buoy

32A in mid-Sound off Bayville with the recorder on. If I mark just a single fish, that is where the boat is stopped and the chumming started. After an hour's time has passed and no fish have shown up in the slick, I take off and start looking in another direction. Preferably you'll have a light wind, which is what you want, as you need to cover new area as you drift, and not stagnate in the same spot for any length of time.

Once you have selected an area you want to fish, try to get the chum line going in a steady and continuous manner. The first few ladles should be straight chum right from the can without any dilution. Once you get going, take a few pails of sea water, and dilute the remaining chum in the can until it's just barely in liquid form. The chum is ladled over the side in such a manner that you should always be able to see the last ladle full going out of sight when you dump the next load. A continuous and steady chum slick is now created. After you get it going, don't break its continuity, even if you get into fish, as it is hard to establish a slick once it is broken. Usually you will skunk out or load up with the fish once you get the slick going. Seldom will there be just one or two fish in the area: blues school pretty heavily; even if there are only a few around, those few will generally school together.

Fishing itself is really rather easy once you do it. All you have to do is remember to keep your bait drifting back into the slick, and you've got it made. You simply strip off line from the spool and feed it back into the slick at about the same rate the boat is drifting. The bait will then look like it is just another tidbit in the slick. If you keep the bait stationary, it will slowly pull to the surface as the boat drifts along; if this happens, it will be out of the chum slick. Keep drifting the bait back into the slick until you get a hit or until you have about a hundred feet or so of line out. Keep repeating this procedure the entire length of the drift. Sometimes the fish will be feeding twenty feet from the boat; while at other times they will be ninety or one hundred feet away. If you want to get the fish a little closer to the boat, then try adding some spearing or some other chunk bait to the slick. Chunks of mackerel or butterfish or bunker added to the slick will not only make it more attractive, it will also bring the fish closer to the boat.

Almost anything you care to choose can be used as bait. Smelts, butterfish, cut mackerel, cut bunker, even whole fresh snappers will all work equally well. It is not what you use for bait, but rather how you use it that is important. As far as the hooks go, a 6/0 Eagle Claw hook with a six inch length of wire will handle just about any fish you might run into. Try to keep the length of the wire to an absolute minimum as the fish tend to

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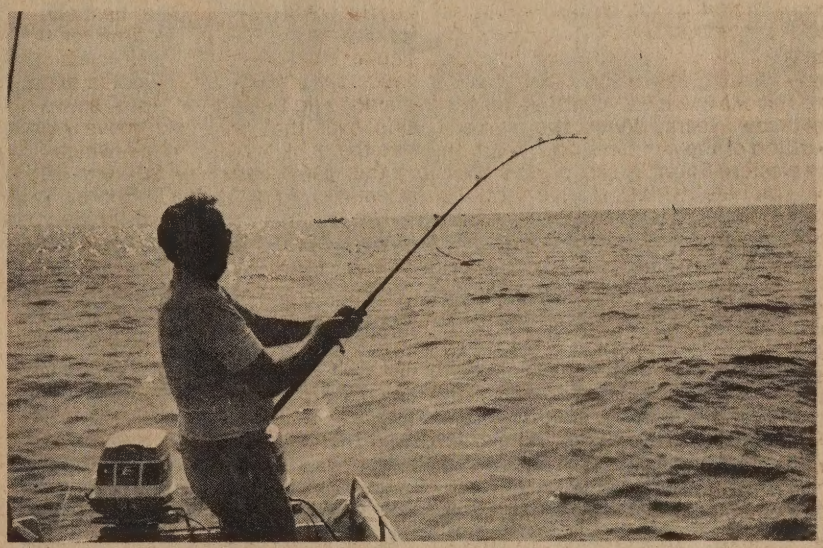
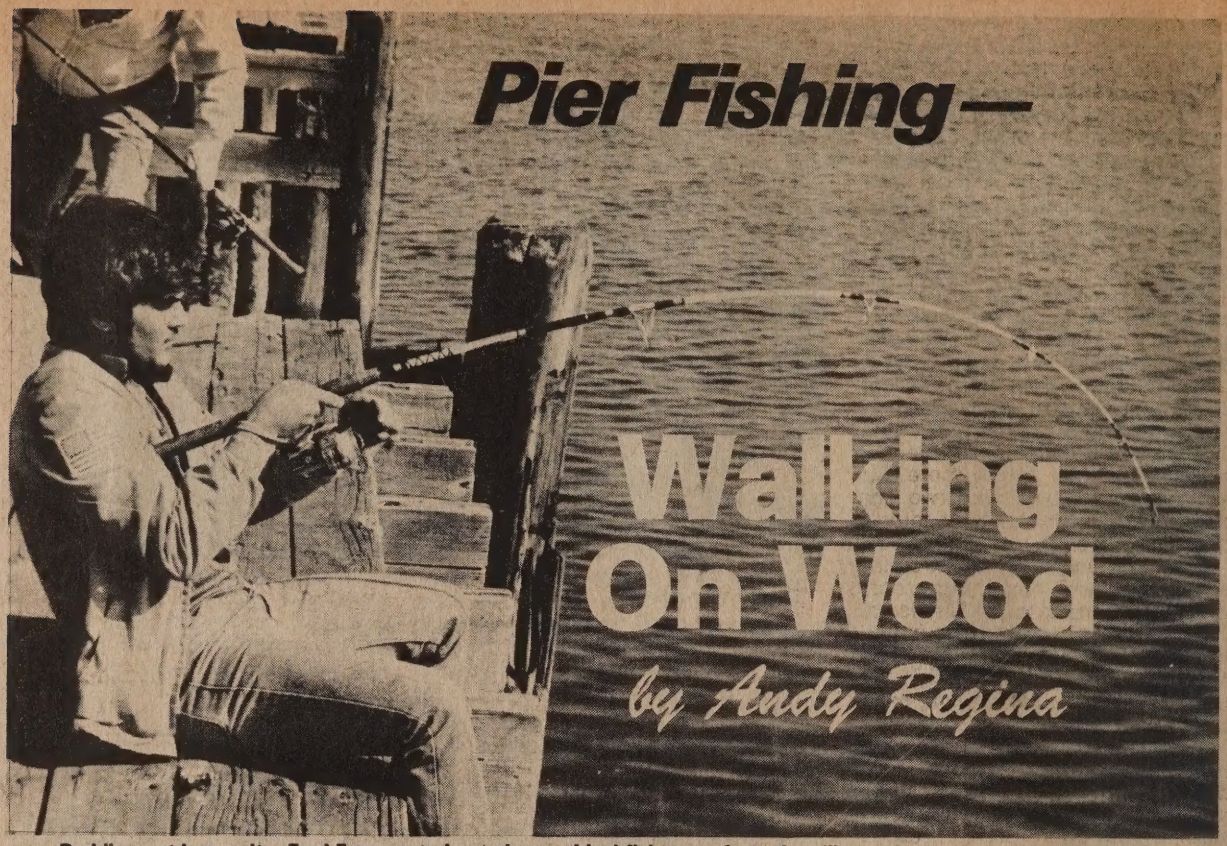
George Oliver gets bunker chum slick going at dusk just north of Bayville's Centre Island Reef.



George sets the hook into a bluefish that fell for a bunker chunk.

When blues are less than 5-pounds in weight, it pays to bounce them aboard rather than gaffing them, which can create a bloody mess and slippery deck.



Pier Fishing— Walking On Wood

by Andy Regina

Budding outdoor writer Fred Fragano trying to keep a blackfish away from the pilings...the barnacles won the battle.

New York State, perhaps one of the richest states in the Union (even with New York City's financial problems included) is also one of the poorest seaboard states when it comes to providing recreational fishing piers for its saltwater fishing citizenry. Once you get past the piers at Captree and Jones Beach State Parks, and maybe the pier at Canarsie, you become hard-pressed to name one or two more public fishing piers—small compensation for the millions in tax dollars extracted from us.

There is always the pier at Coney Island; but our last visit there some years ago revealed it to be in sad disrepair. It seems that the pier really never fully recovered from that long-ago fire that reduced its length considerably. And it's a shame, because there is some fairly good fishing available there at times: whiting and herring in winter (there used to be small cod, too, once upon a time); stripers, bluefish and weakfish in the evenings during the summer, and fluke during the day, with porgies and sea bass also, and flounder in the spring and fall, plus your usual snapper or lafayette incursions.

And what could be a better way to while away a summer day than by catching flounder, fluke, or even blowfish, from those State Park piers mentioned above, with a fair shot at some nice, big snappers too?

As a kid growing up in the depression years of the Thirties, we grew up on pier fishing. Times were hard and money was non-existent; so we tagged along with Dad whenever he went fishing, which was always at a dock or pier. First, we'd dig up our own bait (that cost more than he could spare then); then either take the subway or a trolly (yes, we had trolleys then, too) to our fishing place—most of the time a dock on the Hudson, the Steeplechase Pier at Coney Island, or a City-owned dock at City Island.

We'd bring along Grandpa, my kid brothers, and a picnic lunch, and arrive early, usually spending the whole day there as we sought to fill a wicker basket with fish that would provide a few meals at home. And we usually managed to bring home a good catch: nothing spectacular, mostly panfish, but we had lots of fun catching them, and nothing went to waste. Our catches consisted of flounder, porgies, blackfish, eels, butterfish, and tommy cod or whiting in the cold months, with a late summer looked-for-bonus of blue claw crabs which we caught in those wire box-nets as we were fishing. And snappers on cane poles—by the hundreds it seemed—all of which Mom patiently cleaned and cooked for us.

And we learned the rudiments of fishing and sportsmanship then too, from the other friendly fishermen on the piers, who seemed to dote on the reverence in which we then held their skills. The fish too small to provide much food were released alive, and even an accidentally-caught striper of fourteen inches that looked huge to us at that time was released unharmed when the legal size limit was explained to us, along with the reasoning behind such a law.

The part that impressed me most was the sharing: if a neighboring fisherman ran out of bait, he was always welcome to some of ours, and Mom's sandwiches fed a lot of strangers, as I remember. We weren't richer than the rest of those fishermen by any means, but just couldn't eat if anyone had to do without—so we shared. And if we had to leave without any fish, as often happens to all of us, there was always one or two people that chipped in with a fish or two, just so we'd have something to bring home to eat—so sharing worked two ways then, just as it does now.

Fishing lore was dispensed freely; rigging properly for different species, proper baits to use; casting and retrieving fundamentals; distinguishing different bites, etc. It seems that if you weren't catching fish when everyone else was, you'd soon have a couple of "godfathers" at your side to teach you the proper way.

And so we learned, and grew up learning more each year; but although we grew out of our depression-caused poverty and graduated to boat fishing, we never fully rid ourselves of our fishing roots—those piers—and have a soft spot in our hearts for them that takes us back to walking on wood again, from time to time.

Now most of the City-owned docks are gone, and although public fishing

piers are all too few, we can still get splinters in our butts from other sources, if we try. The simplest way is to go to a paying pier, where you are charged a modest sum for the privilege of a day's fishing. Since the old End Dock at City Island burned down, the only other place that comes to mind is the Playland Fishing Pier, at Rye, at New York. Adjacent to Gaspirini's Fishing Station, where you can purchase bait and tackle, this pier offers the convenience of a parking lot, although the walk from the lot to the pier is quite far; so don't carry more than is needed, or you'll regret it.

Town docks offer a good alternative to paying piers, but are restricted to town residents only—unless you can go with a buddy who lives there. New Rochelle and Babylon are two good town docks that provide fair fishing on occasion,as does the dock at the foot of Tiffany Street, in the Hunt's Point section of The Bronx, or the docks behind the high school, in City Island.

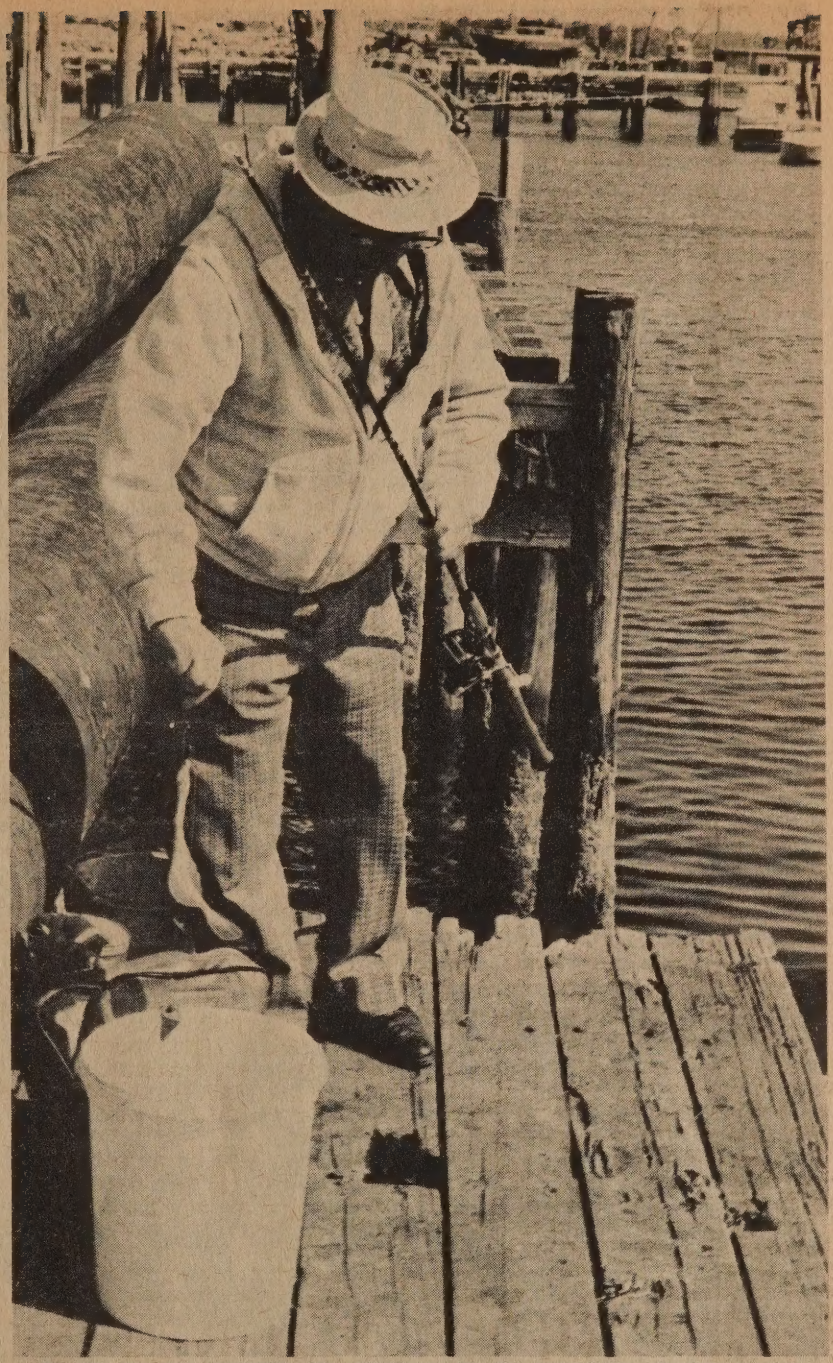
Private docks and piers abound, but they are strictly as stated—PRIVATE— so don't just go walking out on them as if you owned them, or you might just run afoul of the law. Very often these places become accessible through the simple expedient of first obtaining the permission of the owner. You'll find that an honest approach will often gain you access, and a tidy departure with an offer to share part of your catch with the owner will go a long way towards gaining re-entry at some later date, although permission should always be sought at each and every occasion. And most of the time your offer of sharing your catch will be declined, but your sincerity of intention will be remembered by the owner on future ventures.

The docks at the Maritime Academy at Fort Schuyler offer good fishing, too, and although these places are off limits to fishermen, stating your requests to the gate keeper will quite often result in your being able to fish there. Once again a tidy departure and an offer of fish to the gate keeper, or perhaps a gift of a six-pack of beer will do wonders to get you into the Fort the next time.

The whole thing boils down to good sportsmanship when you think about it. Far beyond obeying size limits laid down by men, or those more forcibly prescribed by your own conscience, sportsmanship extends to being courteous to those around you, respecting the rights of others and respecting the property of others, too. If this means cleaning up someone's private property before you leave, by all means do so—even going so far as to clean any debris not caused by you. Any private property owner seeing you accord him this respect is a lead-pipe cinch to grant you access to that property time and time again, and what is equally important, will be favorably swayed towards similar requests from sincere fishermen, too.

And don't abuse your privilege by abusing a man's property either. This means no dock bells screwed into the dock; no fires built on the dock, and no damage of any type done to the dock. A simple declaration of your intentions, with a promise not to cause any damage, along with a clean, pleasant departure and that earlier mentioned offer to part of your catch will work wonders for you, as it has done for us. The Fordham Street Pier, in City Island, that houses the ferry to Hart Island, and the water conduit pier behind the Shorehaven Beach Club, in Sound View, both offer decent fishing at times for flounder, blackfish, and even stripers at night. One is a City-owned pier, and the other is private, and although both are off limits to fishermen, we have continuously enjoyed fishing there, and are not denied access, because we became known as respectable fishermen to the people in charge.

Think of the benefits derived because of this: whenever we get that urge to walk on wood, we go to our favorite pier, and fish all day in privacy, as if the place was our very own. But that's the way we treat it—as our very own, and that's why we can keep on fishing there. Try this approach, and you, too, will soon be able to walk on wood also.



An old sea dog, spending his retirement on the waterfront, catches a nice flounder and swings it into his pail.

True Albacore Bonanza

by Barbara Sands

The potential for variety in the Hudson Canyon is almost endless, but there have also been trips where one particular fish dominated the day. It was August, and Fred Zier, owner of the forty-six foot super Sportfisherman, Drop Stitch, was chomping at the bit to get out to the Hudson Canyon. We had postponed our trip week after week because of bad weather conditions, and several Friday nights had found us fueled up, bait on hand, and ready to go, only to scratch the trip the following morning.

And then one Friday night, the weather seemed perfect. Once again, we got ready. There were Fred and his wife Ernie; myself and husband Larry; our son Dave, and neighbor Scot Newman. Saturday morning, long before dawn, we approved of the forecast, cranked up and were off. We were sixty-five miles into the ocean as the sun rose. Our radar had guided us through the inlet in utter darkness. We were using Loran C to lead us to our favorite spot at the mouth of the Canyon, where the ocean floor drops suddenly to unbelievable depths. The seas, which showed signs of a nasty roll, were beginning to flatten out. The teasers were attached to lines running through the bottom guides of the outriggers. We had rigged ballyhoo ready in the cooler, as well as our usual assortment of different colored feathers. The ballyhoo was sent up from Florida and is considered irresistible to most types of warm water game fishes. We also carried some rigged mullet and some rigged squid.

The trip out was peaceful enough, and uneventful. We checked our Loran positions every forty-five minutes, and carefully noted them on the two charts we use. As soon as we came to the end of the inshore chart, we pulled out our ocean chart, where everything is measured in fathoms. No land, but with Loran, it reads like a road map. Our destination was clearly marked.

Only once did we waver from our course. We were plowing through the ocean at a pretty good clip, and almost directly ahead of us, just a little bit starboard of the bow, we saw a big fin. This was not the floppy fin of a sunfish, but a long curved fin like a scimitar. We thought it might be a large mako, sunning itself. We swung the boat around, trying to get a vantage point to present a bait, but the fish sounded and we were left to speculate exactly what it was that had silently eluded us.

We turned back on course. Fred was using his automatic pilot, which is a boon to long-distance cruising. Whoever was at the helm had to watch out for stray logs and debris, but otherwise, the boat stayed on course without a wake that zigzagged all over the ocean. This saved time, distance and also fuel.

About a mile from the dropoff, we got our lines ready, and put them over. We were using fairly heavy rods (fifty pound class) with big curved butts in the outriggers, and thirty pound class rods on the flat lines. Ballyhoo on the riggers, and feathers on the flat lines.

We were well-equipped except for one basic infraction of serious fishing. We didn't have enough belts and harnesses. There were six of us, all different sizes and shapes, and we had three belts and two shoulder harnesses. There was a kidney harness on the fighting chair, but we had decided against using the chair, as there

Fred Zier hauling the author's true albacore aboard. Notice the long pectoral fin.

was much more action in stand-up fishing, and, barring an absolute monster on the end of the line, the angler had much more control over the fish. Also, we could all keep on fishing if all lines hit at once.

My husband Larry and I both had our own belts that fitted us exactly. They were easily identifiable, and clipped on in half a second. Fred had an old belt that had been stashed away in a wet drawer on the deck. Larry and I also had shoulder harnesses that were sized exactly so that all we had to do was clip the harness to the rod. As soon as we were ready to fish, we donned our equipment.

And then there was mayhem. We had crossed over the dropoff, and the two lines on the outriggers were hit. Fred yelled to Ernie to grab a rod, and Larry yelled the same to Dave. Both Dave and Ernie were now on the big rods with the curved butts. These rods were great in a fighting chair, but murderous on the body in stand-up fishing. Larry, as quickly as possible, took off his belt, adjusted it around David, and then did the same with his shoulder harness, fixing the straps so the rod and reel would do as much work as possible. Meanwhile, I was looking frantically for Ernie's belt, and finally found this wet, limp thing which I tied around her waist, and knotted. The clip on it had long since disappeared. I took off my shoulder harness, and fixed it up for her. Both anglers were working hard reeling in what seemed like powerful fighters, and were all shouting at them not to let the lines go slack.

Ernie was doing a great job, and I watched her in admiration. Ernie is a fine sport. Whatever she did, she did well, and she piloted the boat as well as she fished. Suddenly, to my horror, her belt fell off. The strap had disintegrated. I picked up the belt, and stared at the shreds of strap. Then I pulled off my own belt, and adjusted it around Ernie while Scotty lifted the rod into the socket.

Meanwhile, Dave had pulled his fish up to the boat. It was a hefty true albacore, shiny black and silver, with the long, slender fins that mark this fish as the best eating tuna there is. Larry had the gaff ready, and pulled it in. By this time Ernie had her fish to the boat. It was another true albacore, and we gaffed it and brought it on board. Fred has a pretty big fish well on his boat, and we needed it. These fish were thirty to thirty-five pounds apiece.

We congratulated the anglers. Then Larry tried to repair Ernie's belt. The blue water fisherman should be prepared for some impromptu repairs on the water. I got my belt back from Ernie, and my harness, and re-adjusted them so they both fit me. We were trolling pretty fast; we trolled faster for true albacore than for yellowfin tuna. I was wondering which rod would be hit next, when the starboard rigger next to me snapped loose, and the line sang out. I grabbed the rod, with its big curved butt, and jiggled it into my belt. Larry clipped my shoulder harness to the reel. This was a big, powerful fish on the line. I reeled slowly and steadily, my arms outstretched because of the curved butt. I was making quite a bit of headway, I thought, and began calling for a gaff. "Wait a minute," said Larry, "I want to take your picture."

"No, no!" I yelled, "I've got the fish coming up to the boat. I need a gaff!" Wasted breath. Larry had gone into the cabin for a camera, and my fish, with the renewed energy of a steam engine, took off towards the horizon. It took all my energy to get the fish back in again, and up to the cockpit. Powerful deep-water game fish require strength to bring them to the gaff, but the fisherman's skills are also important. This time Larry was ready with the gaff, and pulled in my fish—another husky true albacore. The fish well was starting to fill up, and we got ourselves ready for another run across the dropoff.

Fred brought the boat around the tip of the Canyon once again, and we watched the lines carefully. The albacore were still feeding in the area, lured by the bottom structure of the Canyon that creates tidal disturbances and traps bait fish.

The line went on one of the outriggers, and it was Ernie's turn again. She took hold of the curved butt, and fitted it into her belt. I put my shoulder harness on her. She bent over the rod, and reeled in slowly and carefully. Then I watched in disbelief as her belt slowly began to separate. The knot was unraveling, and the belt, with the terrific strain of a big rod and a big fish, began to slip down around her knees. Scotty was the first to come to her aid, trying to hold the belt up around her waist, against all the forces of nature. Gallantly, Ernie kept reeling. I held one part of the belt, and Scotty held the other, trying desperately to keep it on her, and the rod in the right place, so she could keep reeling. It was also difficult to keep our balance on the pitching deck, and there were times when all three of us were swaying off in different directions. Still Ernie kept reeling. Larry made ready with the gaff. After what seemed like hours later, we brought Ernie's true albacore (or longfin tuna, as they are also called) onto the boat.

"I don't know what all this fuss is about belts and harnesses," her husband Fred called down from the bridge. "The way you people are carrying on down there, you'd think you were bringing in giant tuna." We, the crew, glared at our captain but made no reply.

When offshore fishermen trek across the ocean to the Hudson Canyon, they can never be sure of what species of game fish will be available there. Blue water game fish are great vagabonds, searching the seas endlessly for food. Giant tuna today, white marlin or albacore tomorrow. However, when a school of true albacore are residing at the Canyon, fast fishing is usually the result.

We offered Fred both belt and harness, but he refused. "I don't go for that sissy stuff," he grunted. He put the curved butt in-between his legs, and reeled. And reeled. And reeled.

"Sure you don't want a belt, Fred?" I inquired solicitously.

"No!" he bellowed. And groaned a little.

The upshot was that before the fish was brought to gaff, Fred consented to let us wrap the butt of the rod in a red hand towel to ease his agony. His fish was brought into the boat—another good sized longfin.

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Barbara Sands with her catch of true albacore.

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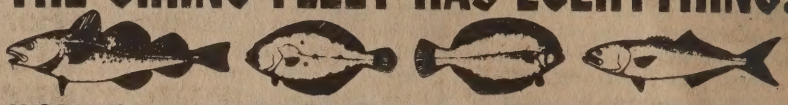

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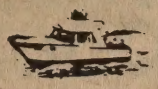

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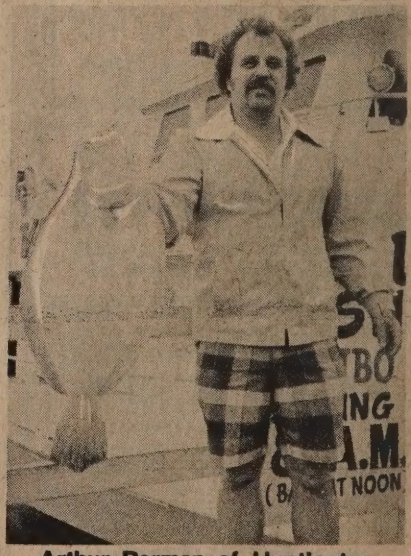

Arthur Dorman of Huntington took this fluke aboard the "Viking Star" out of Montauk.

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GIANT TUNA

Last week the hot action at the Point was the fantastic bass fishing at night, and to show the wide variety of sportfishing available at Montauk that has made it known as the fishing capital of the world, this week's headline's are being made by tuna of many sizes and species. Earlier in the week the action was centered around the area south of Block Island, with the boats trolling feathers and cedar jigs for bluefin tuna ranging in size from footballs up to 75 lb. class fish. Captain Warren Hader of the charterboat **Devilfish** reported taking the boats limit of 32 bluefin tuna up to 75 lbs. one day, and just falling short the next. By the end of the week the action had shifted to the Butterfish Hole south of the Point. Virtually all of the boats have been trolling tuna, bonito and albacore on the trip to and from these offshore grounds, and by the weekend the giant tuna were being taken in numbers in the same area by those chumming and chunking. Henry Colombi's **Star Island Yacht Club** seems to have become the center of activity for the giant tuna clan, with the marina's boats weighing in no less than seven giants on the weekend in addition to the fish that came in during the week. Capt. Phil Lewis on the charterboat **Adios** reported that he had a giant pull the hook only thirty feet from the boat on Sunday that weighed in excess of 800 lbs. Other than the hook-and-line giants that were brought into Henry's, we only heard of one other giant that came in on the weekend to another marina, but it was harpooned by a commercial boat.

Inshore fishing remains about the same, with the boats still loading up with bluefish both trolling and diamond jigging at the Sub Buoy. The fish are smaller, but there is a lot of bonito mixing in with the choppers. Fluke fishing is still on the upswing, with some terrific catches being taken around Shagwong Point on outgoing water. Size is really good with fish averaging 3 and 4 pounds and we have had reports of doormats up to 14½ pounds. The south side has yet to come alive with the doormats. Porgy fishing is holding steady, and it seems that the seabass may have finally made their arrival. The cod fishing at Coxes Ledge picked up during the end of the week, and some large alligator bluefish have also moved onto the Ledge, which earlier than expected. Night bluefishing is still great south of Block Island, and Cartwright Grounds has just started to produce some big fish that may signal the start of the fall fishing in that area.

Captain Phil Lewis of the charterboat **Adios** reported that the bluefin tuna of the giant kind are now in solid at the Butterfish Hole. He has been chumming and chunking with cut fish and using whole bunker for bait. On

Donna Chenalecki took this 70 lb. mako, fishing aboard Capt. Gary Kieffer's charter boat "Barracuda."

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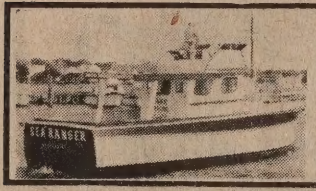

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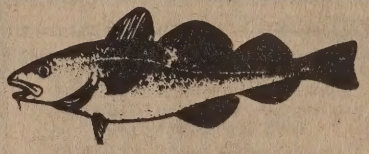

This tiger shark was the prize taken by R. Webster, W. Smith, D. Newman, J. Damuck, R. Steiner and P. Franzani, fishing with Pete Van Alst aboard the "Modar II." The shark picked up a mullet bait 26 miles off the point in the West Fingers area.

Thursday Emilio Tandolphi of Connecticut was aboard and landed a giant of 555 lbs. On Sunday Mr. Holmes of Rockville Center was aboard and hooked into a real "moose" of a giant bluefin that Phil estimated to be well over 800 lbs. They got the giant to within thirty feet of the boat when the hook pulled out, unfortunately. Mr. Holmes is an experienced offshore fishermen and only took an hour to bring the fish in.

Captain Gary Kieffer of the charterboat **Barracuda** called to say that on Saturday he had an all day trip that he combined Sub Buoy blues with tuna trolling. They fished first at the Sub Buoy and loaded up with blues and a few weakfish by 10 am, then headed offshore and trolled four tuna and a mess of bonito. On Sunday the charter took eleven blue sharks up to 150 lbs., nine of which were tagged and released. They also took a mako shark of 70 lbs. that made five spectacular jumps, and trolled four football tuna up to 15 lbs. and a mess of bonito on the way out.

Capt. Frank of the **Free Spirit** called to report that the offshore fishing remains great. On Monday Frank bagged two mako's of 125 lbs. each along with a 70 pound bluefin tuna. On Tuesday and Wednesday Frank had a two day and night trip with representatives from a Florida newspaper aboard. On the first day they were only chumming for 15 minutes when a great white shark was raised and came up right under the boat, but it wasn't interested in any of the baits offered and quickly left the scene. Pictures were taken by those aboard and will be published by L.I.F. after they have been developed. How big was the shark? Estimated to be 25 feet long...judging by the GWS reports, its beginning to seem like they only come in one length. On Tuesday night and Wednesday 2 tiger sharks were taken that weighed in at 350 and 425 lbs. Thursday's charter took a small mako and a brown shark. Saturday night and Sunday produced two makos in the 80 lb. class and 7 tuna 40 to 70 lbs. Frank said that he has had good results using fresh caught bonito fillets. He'd also like to remind readers not to wait too long to book their fall charters.

Captain Freddie Bird of the **Flying Cloud** reported that both his boat and Capt. Dusty's **Little Bear** have been having fantastic porgy fishing since Wednesday after the full moon and its strong tides. Friday was the best day of the week despite the high northeast winds. Best action has been on the southside and east of Great Eastern, depending on the phase of the tide. The fish are real jumbos, and on Sunday angler Sumter Murphy of New Jersey winched in a "Bird 'N Bear" brand porgy of 4½ pounds. Fred said that fishermen aboard are loading up pails that they are dumping into large bags, then they are buying more bags. A lot of big humpback seabass that go up to 3½ lbs. are also mixed in with the porgies.

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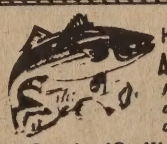

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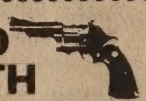

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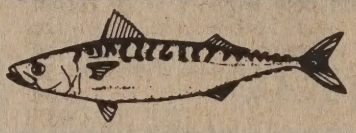

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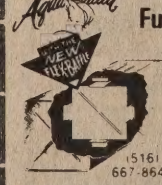

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L.I. SOUND BLUEFISH

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shy off longer leaders. When you're baiting up the hook, try to conceal as much of it as possible.

When you get the fish into the slick, and they aren't really taking the natural baits that well, it may pay to go to a Banana tube lure either in green or red color. These weighted tube lures are really quite effective for pulling blues out of slick when all else seems fruitless.

While you can chum at virtually any place in the Sound, you should concentrate your efforts on the deeper, open waters of the mid-Sound area. Choose an area that doesn't have too much boat traffic, as heavy boat traffic will not help you out at all. Don't try to start chumming in an area that has too much of a tidal flow either, as this will disperse the chum too quickly and scatter it over a wide area. Another place to avoid is a shoal or a reef. These places are natural structures that hold fish on their own, and chumming in these places is really a waste of time. If you have no recorder and are a little troubled in locating the blues, your best bet is to set out a couple of umbrella rigs on deep wire lines and start chumming when you run into a fish.

A final word on this—and for that matter, any bluefishing—pertains to the care of your catch. No matter how many times you tell people about it, most really don't know how to take care of fish. The first thing to do is not gaff the fish in the belly. Sometimes with a bluefish this is hard, but at least try for the head or the broad shoulder area. There is nothing that will taint bluefish meat more than a ruptured gall bladder. Don't just throw the fish into a box with one on top of another, but simply add a bucket or two sea water to the box. The water will float the fish slightly, and they won't be pressing down on themselves, and you won't have a pile of mush when you open the box. Actually your best bet is to gut the blues shortly after they are caught. After you have a dozen or so in the box, take a break or give someone the job of gutting the fish. The guts will also act as an added attraction in the chum slick. If you do this, and then float the fish in saltwater, you are assured of the finest quality bluefish fillets that are available.

That just about wraps it up from the fishing point of view. Perhaps because of the cost factor (a can of chum is about $7 plus whatever bait you use), bunker chumming still is a relatively untouched method of fishing on the North Shore. When you consider the cost of the trip versus the amount of fish you might catch, there really is little cost at all.

along with a few small cod and an occasional fluke up to 6½ pounds and blackfish. Now's the time to fill the freezer.

Captain Warren Hader of the charterboat **Devilfish** reported that earlier in the week the trolling for tuna was fantastic south of Block Island. One day his charter actually took the legal limit, 32 school tuna that were up to 75 lbs. The next day the charter also almost took the limit, which means the fishing is really consistent. Warren said that they trolled feathers and cedar jigs. Inshore, the boats are still loading up with all the bluefish they want along with bonito at the Submarine Buoy.

Captain John DeMaio of the charterboat **Vivienne** told us that the fishing at the Sub Buoy has been holding up, with the fish now in the 4 to 6 lb. class. On Sunday mornings trip the charter decided to do a little fluke fishing. They bagged over thirty fluke, all nice fat fish that averaged about 3 lbs. with some five and six pounders thrown in. Fishing was hottest off Shagwong Point during the outgoing tide. John said that he still has open dates in early September, so give him a call.

Captain Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Fishing Fleet** reported that the cod-fishing at Coxes Ledge picked up during the end of the week. The cod are big, with the pool fish every day in the mid-thirties to the forties. On Sunday they had 21 hangers, which included some real monster Montauk blues that took bait. Porgy fishing has been good and steady and the seabass have moved into the area in numbers. Big humpback that average two and three pounds. Fluke fishing has been good for the half-day boat, and the fish are all big. On Wednesday Ed Hollwedel took the pool with a doormat of 14½ lbs. The bluefishing at night off Block Island also picked up during the latter part of the week and the boat has been loading up every night. The fish are all gorillas

This father and son team were the pool winners on a recent Coxes Ledge trip. Lorenzo Santiago and son Ray, of The Bronx, did it with codfish of 55 and 50 lbs, respectively, taken aboard the "Viking Starship" out of Montauk.

that range from 14 to 16 pounds. Paul said that there are still a few openings for the Special Nantucket Wreck Trips leaving September 4th and September 10th, so if you haven't made your reservations yet give him a call.

Henry Colombi's **Star Island Yacht Club** seems to have attracted all the offshore sharpies that know what they're doing. Virtually all of the hook-and-line giant tuna that were brought into Montauk on the weekend were taken by boats sailing out of the marina, which is the largest in Montauk. On Saturday and Sunday seven giants were weighed in, and a few came in during the week. Henry pointed out that when we called there hadn't been a giant tuna taken in Gloucester in more than three days, so it seems that the waters of Montauk have all the fish. The hot area for the giants has been the Butterfish Hole, where the boats are taking the fish using the chumming and chunking method and fishing whole baits. Four giants were brought in on Saturday. Capt. Peter Zambuto of the "Three Bells" had one of 575 lbs.; Capt. Walter Karpielian took a giant of 350 lbs. on his boat the "Blue Beard"; Capt. Peter Ryan on the "Sneaky Pete" boated a fish of 605 lbs.; and Richie Towland on the "R-Pleasure" took a bluefin of 330 lbs. from his 23 foot SeaCraft. Richie must be considered to be the best giant tuna fishermen at Montauk, based on his record. Last year he took as many giats fishing from his skiff as any of the larger super cruisers, and this year he seems to be repeating his feat. On Sunday he paired Saturday's 330 lb. giant with a second bluefin of 535 pounds, while Capt. Richard Palidori on the "Aquaholic" took one of 630 lbs. Richie had an able assist from the marina's infamous dock-master, Ian Hunt, who took a busman's holiday. They left the marina at 1:30 in the afternoon and returned by 7 pm, taking the 630 lb. fish during the interim...that calls for real teamwork. The "Celia P" had the third giant on Sunday, a 310 pounder. During the week Phil Wetmore from Connecticut caught a 200 lb. plus mako and paired it the next day with a giant bluefin. Not to be overlooked in all the giant tuna action is the 285 pound mako shark that Bob Pasfield brought in on his boat the "Sea Deuce".

Captain Richard Rade of the **Marlin IV** called to say that he has been fishing right under the Light for porgies and doing a real good number

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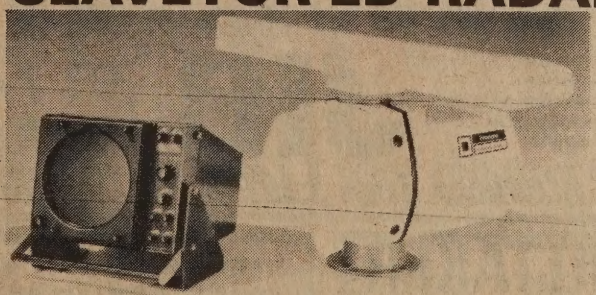

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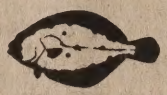

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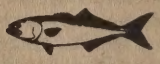

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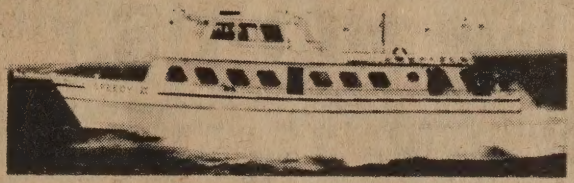

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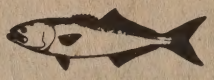

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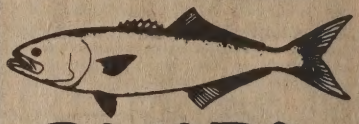

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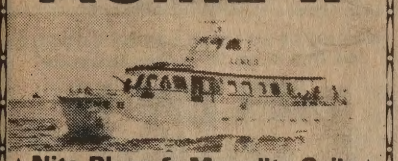
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on them. The fish are all real jumbos with a lot more humpback seabass and an occasional fluke mixed in. Night bluefishing is still very good and steady off Block Island. The fish range from 12 to 16 lbs. and are being taken on the whole herring baits.

The L.I.F. **If-You-Believe-This-One-Wink Department:** Brothers Bob and Kevin Upton, who keep their boat at the Star Island Yacht Club, win this week's Fishtale Award. When asked, they can tell you the story (without a smile, we may add) of the giant bluefin tuna that snatched a bonito that they had just hooked on an Ava-27 diamond jig while fishing at the Submarine Buoy Sunday. They said that the fish took off towards Block Island, and they chased it at 4500 rpm's with their twin outboard 23 ft. SeaCraft for a half-an-hour before the fish finally stopped, turned around and spit the jig back at them. Condolence and/or Get Well cards may be sent to the Upton Brothers in care of the Star Island Yacht Club, Montauk, New York 11954.

Maureen at the **Gone Fishing Marina** called to tell of the giant doormat that was weighed in at the marina last Monday. John Farrell took the 19 lb. fluke on a spearing fished during outgoing water. The fish took a whole spearing fished on the spinning outfit loaded with 12-lb test mono that John was using. On Wednesday Russ Knorr and Merle Meggison took a mess of bluefish and four weakfish from 8 to 10½ lbs. diamond jigging at the Sub Buoy. On Thursday, Bruce Kingdom and Frank Figliola took 30 small blues casting poppers under the light. Kenny Colvin took 50 bluefish on diamond jigs at the Sub Buoy on Saturday, and the boat "Hi-Hopes" took forty fluke up to 6 lb. fishing Outer Shagawong on Sunday. The "Barbara II" took 20 nice fluke up to 7 lbs. in the North Rips on Sunday, and on Saturday Wally Chudkowsky weighed in a 4½ lb. porgy that he will receive an L.I.F. Skillful Angling Award for.

The charterboat **Prowler** out of the Westlake Fishing Lodge reported that they had five mako sharks last week and were into tuna every day, averaging about 14 schoolies a day. They were also tagging and releasing 8 fish daily. Capt. Tony Capra is now running the boat and they are now booking charters for the fall run of striped bass.

John McGowan called to tell us of the fantastic trip he and his party had last week aboard Capt. Johnny Keller's charterboat the **Bronco II**. They fished two days and two nights in 50 to 55 fathoms, using the Cyalume tubes at night. Wednesday night they chummed a mako of 80 lbs. several blue sharks and a bull dolphin of 40 pounds. On Thursday they trolled mullet and ballyhoo during the day and released two white marlin in the 80 lb. class. They also trolled nine true albacore up to 50 lbs. and seven yellowfin tuna up to 80 lbs. on the mullet. Thursday night they loaded

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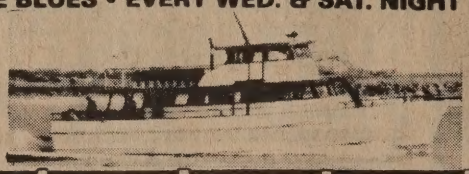

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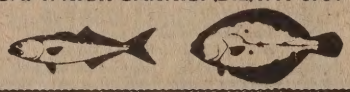

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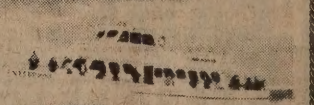

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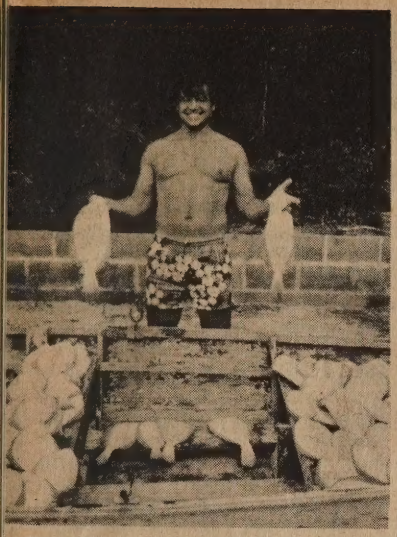

Don Morgese and Don Carney with 43 fluke taken in Shinnecock Bay. Subscriber club photo.

ıp with blue sharks again, and on Friday morning they went back to rolling mullet and took seven dolphin o 30 lbs. and a whitemarlin of 70 lbs.

Capt. Whitey Bateman of the **Four Queens** called to tell us that on Sunday's charter they had a 125 lb brown shark, a mako under 100 lbs, 2 blue shark just under 100 lbs each and hey released 7 blue shark. This was ill in 180' of water south of the ighthouse.

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The Captain Clark Boats report good catches of weaks in Peconic Bay last week with fish ranging from 2-4 lbs. The porgies on local wrecks continue to improve with catches of kingfish with some black fish mixed in -all on sandworms. Clark says it looks really promising for the fall season. The **Capt. Clark II** fishing offshore ocean wrecks on the weekend, reports only fair catches of sea bass. Clark feels that as the water warms, these fish will move in on the wrecks in abundance and we'll see some really good porgy action then.

Mickey at **Altenkirch Tackle** reported that a new world record may have been set out of Shinnecock Inlet. Tred Barter took a 62¾ lb. yellowfin tuna on six-pound test Cortland Tournament monofilament line. Tred was using a special rod made at Altenkirch for six pound class fishing and used a specially converted Penn 501 reel. The big yellowfin took a small Psycho Squid that was being trolled. If the fish stands up to the scrutiny of the I.G.F.A., it will break the old record by more than 30 pounds. Meanwhile, several white marlin were caught out of Shinnecock over the weekend, including the 86 pound fish taken by George Keenan. A few makos were taken in 150 to 200 feet of water southeast of the Inlet, and the yellowfin tuna are being taken further off. Still plenty of big bluefish being trolled out at the Sea Buoy, but the fluke fishing hasn't been too good lately. But there are some nice flounder around if you know where to fish for them. Mickey said that there are "upteen thousand" snappers in the bay and the canal, and they are starting to grow up. Some nice blueclaw crab catches are being made at night off Westhampton and in the Shinnecock Canal when the locks are closed. Just put a coleman lantern on the bulkhead and scoop up the crabs with a night when they come swimming by on the surface.

HAMPTON BAYS

Corrs Fishing Station reports fluke fishing in Shinnecock Bay was spotty this past week. Serious fishermen were still scoring 15-25 keepers on Sunday fishing the flats by the east channel. Some porgies and kingfish still in Peconic Bay. On Sunday, Rudy Williams and friend bagged about 50 porgies and kings fishing near buoy 35 in Peconic Bay.

Tony at **Tony's Fishing Station** told us that the fluke fishing has only been so-so lately. Best action has been using any combo bait drifting around buoys 9 and 7, buoys 2 and 4 at the mouth of the Inlet and in East Channel. Nice flounder are being taken right in front of the station and at buoy 22 at the Bridge. The fish are nice and are taking worms and red-dyed clams. Still plenty of snapper blues in the mouth of the Inlet with larger blues and bonito out at the Sea Buoy.

MORICHES BAY

Cerullo Brothers Fishing Station reported that the fluke fishing has been good on incoming water at Buoy

The Gullo family of Woodhaven with 21 fluke to 3½ lbs. taken from buoy 38 to the Elbow on sand eels and squid. Photo courtesy of Silly Lily Fishing Station.

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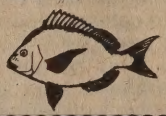

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30 and 29. Boats have been averaging 3 to 12 fish each, and some have had in the twenties. A few fluke in the 4 to 5 pound class are being taken in the West Cut drifting live killies. The flounders are still pretty small, but the snappers are all over the place. No crabs to report as yet, and the bluefish outside the inlet seem to have scattered a little.

Ben at **Tadsen's Fishing Station** reported that the fluke fishing was good last week and seems to be holding up. On Sunday the best catches were one boat that had 14 fluke and another that had 28. Hottest action has been right in front of the station and going west. Action has been about equal for both tides, but it all dies during the slack water periods. Snappers all over, and medium size blueclaw crabs are improving daily with the best catches coming from the Forge River.

Larry at **L&M Fishing Station** told us that the fluke fishing has been fabulous during the week but always seems to fall off for the weekend, probably due to the amount of boat traffic. Best areas have been drifting during the incoming tide around buoys 42, 43, and 36 to 39. Quite a few boats have been making scores of fluke in the twenties.

Bill at **East Moriches Bait and Tackle** tells us that Bill and Judy Smith and Paul and Barbara Schwach went sharking on the weekend and Paul on the rod hooked and landed a 443 lb tiger shark which took an estimated hour to land. This was in 135' of water se of Moriches Inlet. Fluking is still strong at buoys 39 and 42 on any squid combos. Lots of bluefish offshore once you locate the schools. There are schools of 4 and 5 lbrs, schools of 8-12 lbrs; as an example. Mike Kijowski on Sunday fished 40' of water west of the inlet and on umbrellas with red tubes took 24 blues in the 4-5 lb range. Lots of bonito, skipjack and tuna offshore, any direction in 95-120' of water.

Stan, Steve and Adam Weinstein and Sid Weiner with their catch of 28 fluke to 4 lbs. taken at the Coast Guard Station. Photo courtesy of Skidmore's Fishing Station.

GREAT SOUTH BAY
★ BEST BET ★
FLUKE

MASTIC BEACH

Stiriz's Fishing Station reports blueclaw crabs were a good number this weekend with best catches made on both sides of the Smith Pt bridge with traps and rings. Fluke has bounced back a little between buoys 19-26 on killies and squid. Snappers and bay blues up to 1½ lbs are all over the place on small tins and spearing. A lot of blues offshore at the Sea Buoy in the 12 lb category being trolled on umbrellas. Gary Stiriz nailed a 575 lb giant tuna at Montauk's Butterfish Hole on Saturday fishing on Pete Zambuto's, Three Belles. The catch was on herring. Some blowfish on the weat side of the Smith Point Bridge.

State Channel Marina East reports fluking improved over the weekend with catches of 9, 6 and numbers like these, per skiff, and fish of nice size just east of the station. Lots of snappers all over the place as are the blueclaws.

SAYVILLE

Vinny at **Young'S Fishing Station** reports it's a mixed bag and steady. Weakfish 2 miles SE of the station bouncing Hopkins lures off the bottom, also live killies and squid, weaks 4-6 lbs. Kingfish about 1 mile off the station in any deep hole on squid, sandeels or killies. Lots of big snappers hitting on just about everything. Fluke are hitting best on killies and fluke belly and are scattered from Nichols Point to buoy 31. Shark shooter, Clay Hardman caught 25 fluke at the inlet during the week on killies and fluke belly.

WEST SAYVILLE

Mike at **South Bay Fishing Station** reports fluke catches have improved in Fl inlet, Ocean Beach and at Hecksher's buoy 6 on squid, sandeels and live killies. Four-5 lb weakfish are being taken at buoys 28 and 29 at Ocean Beache's buoy 23 on Salty dogs tipped with squid. Snappers are all over the place.

BAY SHORE

Capt. Neil of the **Casey Lee** reports fluking very good this past week on the last of the flood and the first of the ebb. Hi-hook most days was usually 7-10 fluke, with average catches being 3-7 keepers per man. On the weekend the catches were off slightly, due to the best tides falling late in the afternoon. However, the afternoon trips that the boat made from Fl were very good on the weekend as they caught the tide just right. This coming week the day trips should coincide with the optimum tides and produce good catches. Best areas have been West Channel, Snake Hill Channel and the Lighthouse, on killies, squid or sandeels.

Smokey's Bait and Tackle reports blues offshore have been hot and cold. On Wednesday blues of 4-15 lbs were caught in 80' of water east of the inlet up to Cherry Grove. It was a slaughter on jigs, tubes and umbrellas. Bonito and albies were also mixed in. A few weaks were jigged around the Pound Nets. Tuna have been trolled SE of the NA. 1½-3 lb sea bass and fluke have been taken at the outside reef on squid and clam. Fluking has been good with the fish moving off the flats into deeper water. Fish the edges. There are mostly keepers around now. A few blowfish and kingfish at buoy 2. Snappers are good all over the bay and off docks. Crabs are small, but starting to increase in size and quantity.

EAST ISLIP

Buoy II Sport Shop report that fluke are still holding up from the lighthouse to the inlet, with catches averaging half dozen to 15 fish per boat. Peter Taisler of Bohemia landed a ray of 62 lbs, measured 6'6'' on Friday near the inlet, also 11 fluke up to 3¼ lbs and a few blues. Dolores Kotch had a 30 lb ray at the inlet on

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Thursday. A local clammer reported that he had sighted some rays while clamming on the flats. Crabbing seems to have picked up slightly and snappers and baby weaks are being caught off the docks. (Reminder: you should release all baby weaks!) Jimmy Bouchard had several weaks up to 6 lbs at the Moses Bridge on sandworms during the week.

CAPTREE

Capt. George Tweedy of the **Captain Scotty** reported that the bluefishing remains very good, with Thursday and Saturdays fishing excellent. Anglers on those nights took between twenty and thirty a man. The rest of the week was good with catches of 4 to 6 fish a man, the blues ranging from 6 to 15 lbs. The schools of blues have shown up anywhere from Cherry Grove to Patchogue Beach and south of the Inlet. Fluke fishing is about the same with most of the action now concentrated from the Lighthouse to the Inlet. The boat has been taking between 30 and 60 fish a trip, and they average 2 to 4 lbs. with very few throwbacks. George said that the hottest fishing has been the usual end of the flood beginning of the ebb.

Capt. Walter on the **Lady Ann** reports blues a total slaughter most nights with other nights from OK to good. Tues's pm charter had 83 blues. Wednesday and Thursday nights' charters were total bedlam, over 300 blues each night in the 7-10 lb range. This was all on bait and chum. Best areas were from the FI reef to, Patchogue in 80' of water. Saturday night's charter had good results with 153 blues. Sunday night's reservation trip as of 8:30 pm had from 3-5 fish on all the time. Bay blues have been erratic. Fluking has been good the last of the flood and the beginning of the ebb, 3-7 fluke a man. Best results have been from West Island to the Belle Buoy, a spread of fish on killies and sandeels. On Saturday night, Sept 2nd, the boatt will be running its special 7 pm reservation trip and Walter asks that you call early and reserve your spot for another blue bananza.

Pictured are Al Lorenzetti Jr. and Sr., with a 58 lb. white marlin taken on a Kona head. Photo courtesy of Augie's Bait and Tackle.

BABYLON

Augies Bait and Tackle reports lots of bonito from 60' on out on feathers and cedar jigs. 18 fluke were taken in 2 hours at the construction dock in FI inlet on squid Friday, by anglers Andrew Accardi, Maryann Accardi, Joe Palmeri and Larry Ciskanik. The fluking has definitely picked up on weekdays. Snappers and baby weakfish are around in abundance, but please be sure to return the baby weakfish to the water unharmed.

Bill at **Babylon Fishing Station** reports that all his skiffs have been doing nicely on fluke at Snake Hill channel this past week and weekend and also at the sandbar across from

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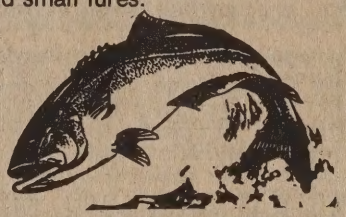
the Lighthouse, where the Stevenson family scored. This is on killies and squid and the fish are all around 18 inches with a few bay blues mixed in. Catches average 8-10 fluke per rental boat. Loads of snappers all over the bay on small shiners and small tins. Some nice weaks at the Sore Thumb on Hopkins and Kastmasters in the 7-8 lb category as evidenced by 3 of these beauties caught by Carl Sandle. Some blueclaws, not many.

Mario at **Hi-Hook Fishing Station** tells us his rentals are catching nice fluke in State Channel and at the east side of the bridge at the CG station. All boats are coming in with fish now with a lot in the 3-4 lb ranges on squid and sandeels on all moving tides. Lots of snappers all over the bay on shiners and small lures.



SOUTH SHORE BAYS

★ BEST BET ★ FLUKE

LINDENHURST

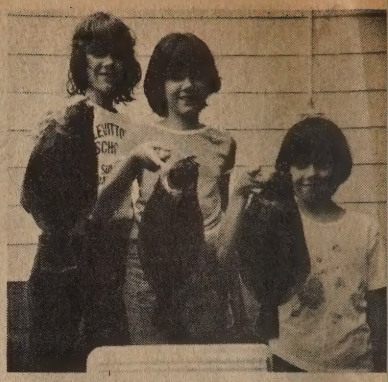
Charlies Bait and Tackle reports a lot of fluke being caught now, best catches being made in Fl inlet on both tides on killies, squid and sandeels. Tuna and bonito offshore in good numbers at roughly 140' of water in any southerly direction, mainly on feathers. Blueclaws are so, so. Snappers in abundance all over on live killies, shiners or small tins.

COPIAGUE

Larry at **Bait and Tackle Unlimited** says snappers are all over the place, fluke are being caught east and west of the Moses bridge in the inlet on squid, killies, and tinker mackerel. Porgies off Copiague Beach and off Ocean Beach on sandworms and clam. Big blues in the inlet east to the lighthouse on the outside in 40' of water on umbrellas. Tuna, bonito and albies in 80' of water on cedar jigs and feathers.

AMITYVILLE

George Combs Bait and Tackle reports that the fluking has become good again in Great Island Channel from Seaford Harbor to the draw bridge. Big fluke on live killies and snappers in particular, fluke in the



Christine, Linda and Melissa Burns of Wantagh caught these fluke at Squaw Island on killies. Subscriber club photo.

6-10 lb range, from the 3rd Wantag bridge to the Black Banks. Also at th south end of Haunts Creek. Two -3 l blues in the State Channel o umbrellas and also in both inlets i early morning hours at best wit white and red umbrellas. Some nic weaks at the Lighthouse on liv snappers or trolled close to the bottor with black or purple tubes. Snapper good at all town docks and bridge and of course from boats. Bac fishermen should utilize bunker chur for best results, live killies or shiner on the hook. A few bass in the Stat Channel on chum. Tuna at the Mu Hole to 150 lbs and good tuna als south of the inlet in 90-140' of wate along with bonito, ablacore an dolphin. Working well is the gree machine (Kona beads) and Daise Chain feather rigs plus red and whit Cedar jigs. A few big shark from 140 160' of water. George asked us to te you chummers that he has spearing i 4 gal tins.

SEAFORD

Art Wright at **Captain Eddie's Fishing Station** reports plenty of fluk being caught by their rental boats Frank Greggo had 36, John Ryan ha a 9 lb 10 oz weakfish. Weaks hav been very good all this past week wit numbers ranging up to 30 per skif Catches have been made on the fluk and weaks by the bridges, Massape qua Cove, Four Corners, and Squa Island on killies and sandeels, an running tide. Plenty of snappers to b had on spearing. A few blowfish ar coming in. Art was really happy tha the fluke were coming on stron again.

Scott at **Naomi Inn Fishing Statio** tells us that Dennis Rooney and frien Pete on their boat Catch 22, bagged tuna to 23 lbs at the HA along with 1 skippies and a 15 lb dolphin trollin feathers. Mac and Frank on th Junkie II had several large fluke up t 10 lbs working just west of the 3r Wantagh with sandeels and squid.

Big Ed at **Shore Isle Marina** give us the results of his bluefis tournament. First place goes to Fran Miner, 9 lbs 6 ozs. Second place t

WEST END SOUTH SHORE
★ BEST BET ★ BLUES

Shown are Capt. Ken Turco and Art Saginarco with a recent catch of striped bass taken in Shinnecock Bay aboard the charter boat "Lucky Strike."

Bob Miñer, 9 lbs 4 ozs. Third place goes to Ed Kovedsky, 7 lb 14½ ozs. First and second place fish were caught on smelts. SCALLOP TIME- Steve Berkhardt bagged a 65 lb northern skate in the area of the third Wantagh bridge - try it, you'll like it. Kathy Allen caught a 65 lb blueshark and 12 skipjack aboard their 20' Mako. Ed says porgies remain good at the 2nd Wantagh on sandworms, any moving tide. Fish are not big, but they're a lot of fun for the kids.

BELLMORE

Bronco, the singing dog at **Merrick Marine Tackle Center** reports 3-5 lb blues at the inlet's west bar on S&G Bananas and Diamond jigs. This is mainly an evening affair. Snappers all over on spearing and small spoons. Fluking spotty with best catches from Swift Creek and from the sandbar in front of Short Beach on sandeels and killies. Tuna and bonito spotty with some weaks on worms at the Meadowbrook bridges.

MERRICK

Nick's Fishing Station reports fluking very good at Merrick Point with 40 keepers taken on Saturday on squid, sandeels and killies by brothers Joe and Steve Gecsedi of Glendale. Jessie Jacobs boated 24 good flatties at Merrice Point Friday also. These were in the 17-18 inch class. The Golf Course was producing also, 7 good fluke for one boat, a few tuna at the HA but catches not as good as the week before. Small blues in the inlet, Thurs and Friday evening at the West Bar on Rebels. Flash! - Dennis Newman struck out this week. Plenty of snappers. No blueclaw crabs.

BALDWIN

Arthur Street Marina Fluke being caught in Middle Bay and the inlet on killie/squid combos. Blueclaws on the increase in Middle Bay and the canals.

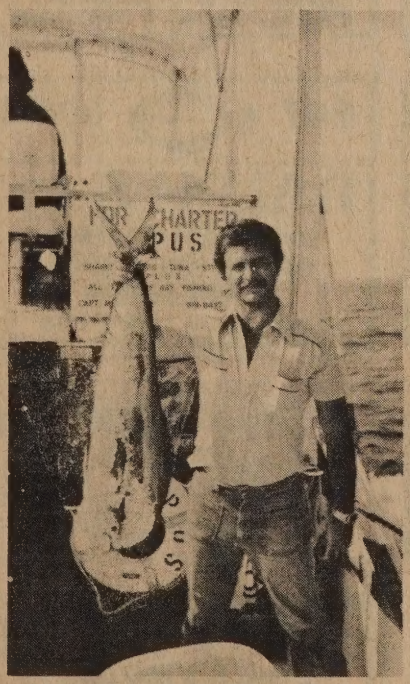
FREEPORT

Capt. Richie of the **Starstream II** reports good bluefishing over the weekend. On Friday the boat had super fishing from cholera to 17 fathoms. The fish ranged from 3 to 12 lbs. and they were taken on bananas, jigs and smelts. Saturday's action slowed a bit but the fish returned on Sunday for more super fishing. Night fishing has been consistently good with catches of 3-12 lb. bluefish being taken on bait.

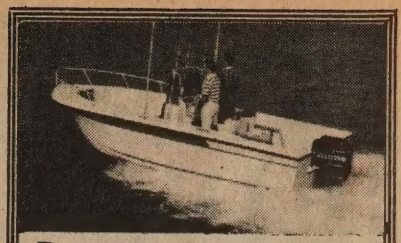
The Capt. Al reports that bluefishing was slow on Saturday but Sunday turned out to be a great day. The fishing was done at the cholera banks with fish averaging 5-6 lbs. with fish running up to 12 lbs. Thirty fish per person was no problem with most of the fish being taken on bait and chum.

The Capt. Lou II called to report very good fluking Mon-Fri. with many fish in the 2-4 lb range. The weekend was pretty good also but weekdays are always best due to lighter crowds and less boat traffic. Jim Crawford of Queens pulled a 7 lb fluke from Jones Inlet using killies.

Capt. Sy Karlin of the **Blue Fin II**



Matt Moersdorf with a 27 lb. dolphin taken on August 15 aboard the charter boat "Apus" out of Freeport.



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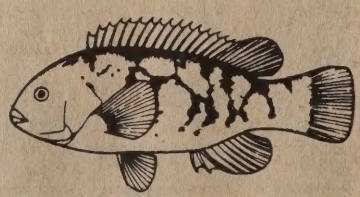

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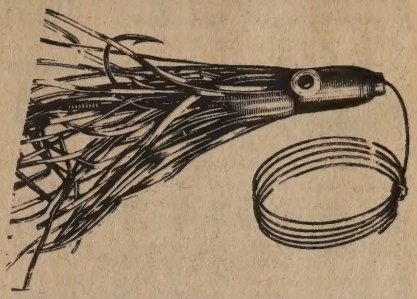

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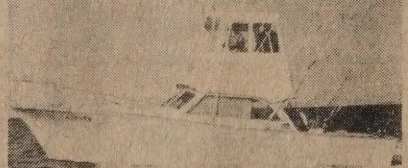

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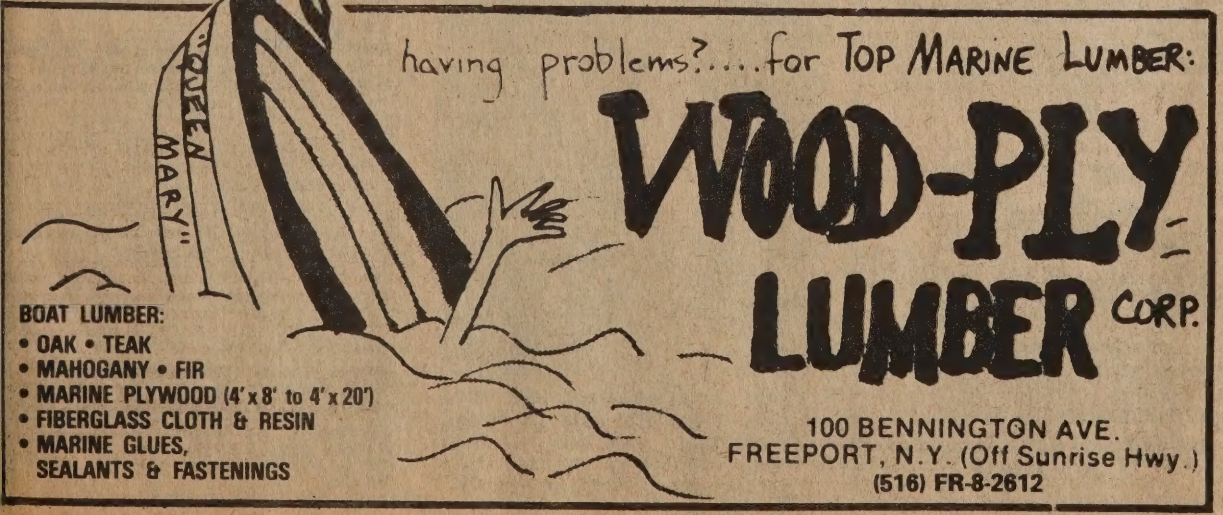
reports Friday's charter had great fluking in Jones Inlet on sandeels and out of roughly 100 fluke only 3 were midgets and the pool fish went 7 lbs., caught by Ed Flathamn of the Chase Manhattan Bank. Saturday and Sunday were fantastic on blues with Capt. Sy on the II and Capt. Charlie Adams on the **Blue Fin**. The **BF II** had over 150 blues at Ambrose on Saturday. Sunday it was Ambrose Ridge and points SE for blues up to 13 lbs. The pool was won by Eric of the Wonderbar Fishing Club of Ridgewood with the 13 lb blue, caught on an Ava Banana. The **BF** had a like amount of fish on the weekend.

Charterboat **Acme II** called to tell us that Wed's charter for Bob Luthamn of The Fish and Wildlife Game Association and party worked Cholera and bagged blues in the 12-15 lb range on bait and chum. Sunday it was the Farms and Cholera. Friday, for Bill Hayes and party from Hicksville, the boat fished Cholera for more 12-15 lb choppers. They set the anchor and started getting fish right away and had a good pick until they got "mugged" by another boat and they had to move to another spot to the SE which wasn't quite as good, but they did troll some skippies along the way. Finally locating a new school of fish SE of the long Beach Hotel, they jigged 1-3 lb blues on A-27's. Friday night, Harry Deneise of West Hempstead and party of 18 pulled over 400 blues at SE Grounds on bait. Saturday saw Tony Gennone of New York and group of 17 pull good catches of 2-3 lb fluke in the inlet on sandeels and squid. Sun's party of Bill Meir and 27 friends fished the inlet with the fluke catch about 60percent of what it was on Saturday, but they still had 7½ gals of fillets. Capt. Walter asks us to tell you that he just put a brand new Loran C on the boat with which he plans to pinpoint big cod catches this winter.

Capt. Joe Long of the charterboat **Nite Owl** called to tell us that for the last 3 weeks including this past Sunday he has been raping the tuna population and that he is really speechless to describe the number of tuna his charters have been taking. He's been having super tuna catches since August 5; small tuna inshore on knuckleheads and big offshore brutes on jet lures, fish from 10-33 lbs. A recent Canyon trip resulted in 10 yellowfin tuna from 60-240 lbs. They had a hookup at night that resulted in a 2½ hr battle with 3 men taking turns on the rod in just Gimbal belts (no fighting chairs). The fish finally broke off about 50' down under the boat. All hands were trembling and weary after the tussle. Joe believes it was a large swordfish, but of course,



no one will ever know for sure. Sharking has been slow with 2 on Saturday and 1 on Sunday, duskies and browns under 100 lbs. Sunday's charter was Henry Klopaki and party, with 6 tuna to 33 lbs and 3 bonito. Saturday's charter was for Jack Chanin and party with 3 tuna, 4 bonito

Sea Isle Sports reports blues in the inlet in the evening on tubes and umbrellas. Greg at the shop can give you details. Tuna at the HA on feathers and Cedar jigs.

Charterboat **Apus** reports blues trolled good in the early part of the week south of Lido in 55' of water towards the end of the week. All the action was at Ambrose. The Ambrose tower was very good for chummers and resulted in full boxes. Most boats did a job on fish 3-6 lbs. Fair tuna at the HA, but better action at the Farms on Thursday. Capt. Mike says that he still has some Sept. mid-week dates open.

Capt. Bill of the **Ivory Queen** reports that on Tuesday, Aug. 22, a party manned by Mr. Feighery took 32 fluke up to 4½ lbs on killies, sandeels and squid strips. Friday, Aug. 25th, Joe Aquilino and party boated 37 fluke up to 6 lbs. Joe had hi-hook with 12 fish, nothing under 4 lbs. Andy Stone had hi-hook on Saturday, Aug 26 with 11 fluke, 42 for the day, the 11 lbr was the biggest. On Sunday Frank Potano struck out with the tuna, but boated 25 skippers and a few blues for the day.

The Freeport Baotmen's Association reports that their boats had lots of good fishing this whole past week, with the bluefish boats loading up at Ambrose Ridge, Cholera and south of Fl Inlet on various days for fish up to 18 lbs. The trollers had tuna, skipjack, and bonito at the HA with bluefin tuna all in the 20-30 lb bracket. The fluke boats stayed in the inlet and enjoyed good catches of mostly fat keeper fish. Dockmaster Bob Kay says there was great fishing all around.

Anthony's Fishing Station says his skiffs had good fluke catches at Swift Creek, Fundy and Long Creeks to the tune of 6-8 fluke per skiff using killie/squid combos. Weaks at the bridge and also porgies on blood or sandworms.

Capt. Arnold of the **Shalidon** reports that Friday's charter for Harry Diekman trolled up 50 blues and 20 weaks outside Jones Inlet. On Saturday Frank Wernicki and party fished 5 miles se of the HA and bagged 2 duskies, a 31 lb tuna, and some skippies. They tried to go out Monday, but were forced back due to weather and sea conditions.

Charterboat the **Rogue** called to say that he fluked in the inlet this past week, largest fluke a 6 lbr and trolled blues at Cholera on other days. Saturday at Cholera his party chummed 8-9 lb blues plus a couple of charlie tunas on the way back. At the 70' mark, Capt. Dave says he spotted a large dorsal fin on top, but was unable to get this big fish to take any sort of bait. He then leaned over the boat and splashed the water with both hands and yelled at the fish and sure enough the fish turned and came to the boat. Dave got his hands out of the water just in time because it turned out to be a 9' mako. Dave says the tail was all chopped up which may have been the result of an encounter with a prop, or a tailrope. The boat has a few open dates for the season.

Stan and Michael Linden, Marty and Andy Lerner and Gary Weitzman with 74 bluefish taken on umbrellas aboard the charter boat "Jackpot."

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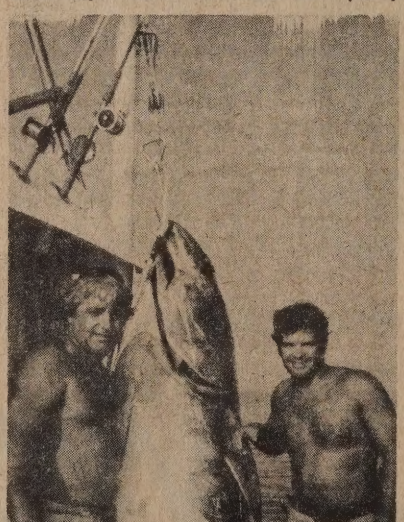
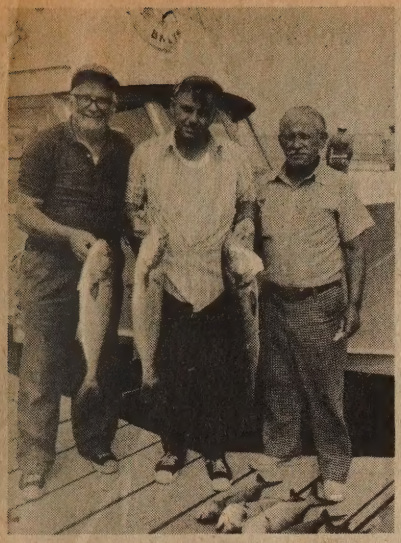


Capt. Ronnie Lepper took 4th place in the U.S. Atlantic Tuna Tournament with this 737 lb. tuna. Bob Foley assisted by gaffing the giant taken aboard the Marlena.

POINT LOOKOUT

Ed's Fishing Station reports tha the fluking has improved a lot thi past week with best areas being 4 & 5 at the inlet, buoys 16 & 18 at the Gol Course and in the flats just west of the Pt. Lookout bridge. Ed Puzio of New Jersey had over 50 keeper fluke in 2 day's of fishing those flats. Izal Kozoch of Forest Hills boated 23 fluke on Saturday on sand eels and spearing in the same flats. Fred Siegel of Lido Beach, bagged a 5½ lb fluke between buoys 4 and 5 at the inlet on sand eels . Fred is 8 yrs old Generally, all rental boats had a decent week of fishing. Sand porgies and sea bass at the Golf Course and snappers are abundant.



Henery Jarmusik, Bob Jarmusik and Nat Shulman with part of a catch of blues and weaks from 3 to 18 lbs. taken at the red side of Ambrose and the West Bank on trolled umbrellas and baby bunker spoons. Subscriber Club Photo.

ISLAND PARK

The **Commodore** reports good fluke fishing in the bay and inlet area. Herb Weinstein of Canarsie took 12 nice keepers and Paul Bell of Rockville Center had 15 fish. The fish have been taking sandeels and spearing and have been averaging 2 to 4 pounds with a pool fish of 5 lbs.

LONG BEACH

Long Beach Sports Marina reports good fluke fishing at Duck Point over the weekend. These fish averaged 16 to 18 inches and took sandeels, squid, and snapper bait. Small bluefish are being taken offshore using umbrellas and banana splits. Michael Halama and Tom Crawford took 3 bluefish and 1 skipjack averaging 7 lbs. on umbrellas south of the Inlet in 110 feet of water.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Hennings Fishing Station reports nice fluke fishing at buoy 8 in the Inlet and at buoys 1 and 3 in Reynolds Channel. These fish are taking spearing and are running 3 to 5 lbs. Bluefish are moving in and out of the Inlet and Bay and are taking jigs, bucktails, and umbrellas. Tuna up to 20 lbs. are being taken offshore at the HA Buoy.

JAMAICA BAY

Ralph Monda of Howard Beach managed a beautiful 9½ lb weakfish off the Cross Bay Bridge using a triple hook and green Ande tournament 30# test. Using his 10' surf rod and a Penn 704 reel, the weak was taken on the top hook while the lower hooks produced eels.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

The Dorothy B reports excellent fluke fishing about 45 minutes from the dock. Good catches of fish in the 3 to 7 lb. class were taken by fishermen over the weekend. Night bluefishing at Ambrose and Seabright has been good with plenty of fish being taken on smelts and bunkers.

The **Elsie K III** has been doing a super job on the fluke. On Tuesday and Wednesday of last week the boat took over 500 fluke from 3 to 7½ lbs. The fishing was a big slower over the weekend but fair catches were had in the Ambrose and Sandy Hook Areas. Night bluefishing has been great at the Ambrose Tower with 2 to 8 lb. fish taking bait.

The **Zephyr** reports that plenty of small porgies are being taken at the Rockaways and the Tin Can Grounds. Fishermen are taking ½ to 1 full pail of these fish along with a few seabass.

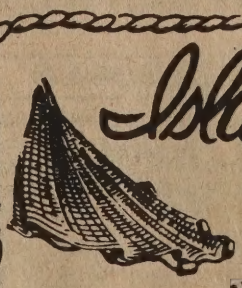
The **Blue Sea III** reports good bluefishing at night east of 17 fathoms. Average catches of 20 to 30 fish in the 3 to 5 lb. class are being taken on bait. Fluke fishing has been excellent with fish up to 8-9 lbs. taking spearing and sandeels on the red and black sides of Ambrose Tower. Catches ran from 5 to a high hook of 18 fish per person.

Peter Drogin took this 6½ lb. fluke fishing off of Riis Park. Subscriber club photo.

Capt Stan Kreisler of the charterboat **Babe** called to tell us that Sat's charter for Phil Rosen and Company hung fluke at the red side of Ambrose tower, fish running 3-5 lbs. Though they did not catch quantity, 35, the fish were all excellent quality. This was on smelt/squid combos. Sun's charter for Alan, Steve, Harve, Harry, Al and Larry say them get 30 blues at the tower. Stan was called on the radio by Capt. Geroge Koch of the Lark and told to join him at 17 fathoms where the fish were eating the bottoms out of the boats. Stan quickly joined him at this hotspot and they had a real slaughter of 4-8 lb blues on bait or any artificial they lowered into the water. The catch was 150 total for the day.

Capt. Tony of the **Big Mohawk III** called to say that all week his charters had good bluefishing but that Sat and Sun was a total leap job. Friday and Saturday nights they had about 275 blues per trip of 2-5 lb fish fishing SE of Klondike and at 17 fathoms during the days. Fish were hitting on anything and everything. On Saturday The Outpost Taven of Sunnyside had roughly 250 blues. Hi-hook was 17 blues for Don Lyons. The pool fish of 14 lbs 9 ozs was caught by Dona Torregrosa of Sunnyside. Sun's trip for the Elks of Peekskill had roughly 260 blues, 8-10 lb fish. Tony says that Sunday was probably the best day all season at 17 fathoms. He made just 2 drifts the whole day. He says there should be albacore and bonito mixed with them soon and that he has one Friday and Saturday night open for the rest of the season.

NEIL At **Stella Maris Bait and Tackle** tells us there's plenty and plenty and plenty of blues being caught at Seabright, Atlantic Highlands, Seventeen Fathoms. These are mixed fish averaging about 6 lbs on bait. Neil emphasizes that the fish are in thick. Also plenty of small blues being chummed, trolled and jigged at the Tin Can. Plenty of fluke being caught by the Sheepshead Bay Fleet fishing the Jersey shore, fish averaging 3-4 lbs on sandeels and squid.



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STATEN ISLAND

Santos Sport Shop reports that surf bluefishing has slowed this past week. There is a slow pick of 10 to 12 lb. bluefish and 6 to 8 lb. weakfish at Piers 8,17, and 18. These fish are being taken drifting worms on the outgoing tide. Sand porgies can also be taken at the piers. Fluke fishing has been good from Ft. Wadsworth to Great Kills Park. Blue and weakfish action has slowed but snapper and porgy fishing was good. There is a fair pick of blueclaw crabs in Great Kills Park and snappers, porgies, and baby weakfish are doing well here. A quick reminder to throw back under sized weakfish. The jetty at Great Kills Park is producing keeper size fluke on sandeels and squid. Bluefish from 1½ to 3 lbs. have been plentiful from Princess Bay to Tottenville. Some blues from 10 to 16 lbs. are also being taken here but are not as plentiful. These fish are hitting red, green, and white Lancers and the bigger fish are being taken using porgies for bait. Buoys 35 and 46 at Tottenville are producing weakfish on drifted worms. Fluke from 1½ to 2 lbs. are taking cut bait off Hoffman and Swinburne Islands. Small blues are being taken trolling and casting at West Bank and at the Old Orchard Lighthouse.

Mrs. Lillian Enright fished the Eaton's Neck Coast Guard Station for this nice sized weakfish. Photo courtesy of Bowman's Sporting Goods.

PECONICS & GARDINERS

★ BEST BET ★ BLUEFISH

GREENPORT

The **Wilhelric II** reports good porgy fishing all week at Gardiners Island. Average catch of 20 to 50 fish per person were taken with a high hook of 70 fish up to a pound with a few seabass and fluke mixed in.

AP White Bait Shop reports good porgy fishing at Gardiners Island all week. The **Brand X** is doing well with the porgies. Bluefish are being taken on the north side of Plum Island and in Fishers Rip. These fish are running over 10 lbs. and are taking bait, green bucktails, and 8 oz. diamond jigs. Smaller bluefish in the 3 to 4 lb. range are hitting lures and umbrellas in Gardiners Bay. Blackfishing has been good from Greenport to Orient with fish from 3 to 8 lbs. hitting fiddlers, green crabs, and sandworms. Fluking has been good southeast of the Ruins and at Trumans Beach with sandeels and squid. Snappers are all over the bay.

SOUTHOLD

Port of Egypt reported the only action in the bay over the weekend was porgies. At the Orient Station blacks were brought in from the lighthouse. There's fluke right out in front of the station but the supply seems to be dwindling. Porgies in the same spot as the fluke. Flats are moving into to Petty's Bight.

NEW SUFFOLK

Captain Marty's Fishing Station reports good porgy action over the weekend. John Mergerson and son took 110 porgies averagin 1¾ lbs. fishing the South Race with clams and worms. Weakfish averaging 3 lbs. are being taken at Nassau Point. Kingfish averaging 1 lb. are taking worms and clams at both Nassau Point and Roses Grove.

AQUEBOGUE

Warrens Tackle reported plenty of blues over the weekend around the Northville pipeline. Porgy action was good. One guy had 500 fishing west of Mattituck this past Saturday. Blacks are off the pipeline with bigger fish in deeper waters. Bass are slow with the exception of a couple fish being taken on the bottom. Fluke to the south of buoy 5 and off the Levon property. There's some fluke at Jessup's but

These fish were part of a catch of 115 lbs. of fluke taken at buoy 5 on a pink Viking and sea robin strips by Bart & Carl Crown-over. Photo courtesy of Rocky Point Fishing Stop.

this is hit or miss. Kingfish at Roses Grove and weaks off Nassau Point taking only drifted sandworms.

Specks Bait and Tackle reports snappers and blues and snappers and small blues in all of the bays such as Cold Spring, Nationals, Shinnecock etc., on small live, or frozen baitfish. Fluking good in Shinnecock Bay and Canal and Also at the Ruins in Gardiners Bay on sand eels and squid. Some weakfish in Noyac Bay on sandworms, fished about 6' off the bottom, fish running 4-8 lbs. A couple of bass on sandworms at Montauk's Split Rock from the surf on slack water, fish 14 and 28 lbs. The porgy fishing in Peconic has been up and down on worm and clam.

NOYAC

Helen at **Noyac Marina** reports that Noyac Bay presently has good fishing through all this past week, with humpback porgies in abundance most of filletable size taken on worms. Also a good catch steadilly of weakfish all during the week of weakfish on sandworms. Bill Fales of Bellerose and Dennis Kennedy of Floral Park boated 10 weaks up to 5½ lbs and between 80-100 big porgies fishing off Long Beach driftin worm/squid combos and also jus worms.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

★ BEST BET ★ BLUEFISH

ROCKY POINT

Rocky Point Fishing Stop reports that small blackfish are being taken at the Shoreham jetties near Lilco. Bluefish are still being taken from Cedar Beach to Shoreham and at buoys 11 and 9. These fish are running from 1½ to 5 lbs. Bigger fish can be found at the Middle Grounds ranging from 5 to 8 lbs. A few striped bass have been picked up east of Wading River. Porgies can be taken along the beach and snappers are in the harbor. Nice size fluke are being taken steadily at the Dropoff off Sound Beach and at buoy 5.

MT. SINAI HBR.

Ralph's Fishing Station reports that porgies from 1 to 2 lbs. are being taken off Miller Place, Rocky Point, and straight off of Mt. Sinai Harbor. Bluefish from 1 to 3 lbs. are being taken on jigs, umbrellas and casting lures. Fluke from 2 to 6 lbs. are being taken along the beaches drifting squid, sandeels, and killies.

PORT JEFFERSON

Caraftis Fishing Station reported good numbers of blues averaging 4 pounds by buoy 11 over the weekend. Porgies are hanging in there at Old Field Point and there's still some fluke at Mt. Misery Shoals. Snappers, snappers and more snappers off all the local docks.

Frank Schwuttge of Massapequa took this 47 lb. striped bass fishing a live bunker at Tobay Beach. Subscriber club photo.

KINGS PARK

Bob at **Mae's Way Fishing Station** reports that small bluefish are still schooled up at the mouth of the river along with a generous sprinkling of waterskiers and Tahiti speedboats. The fish are feeding on sandeels and are responding well to small artificials such as poppers, Rebels and sandeel jigs on casting gear. Sunday morning Stan Hirsh and friends took 32 blues on chrome sandeel swimmers. Sal and Sophie Bruno used popping plugs to land 30 bluefish. Some astonishing porgy catches were brought to dock this weekend. On Saturday Charlie Savvas and friends caught 200 big porgies off Sunken Meadow. On Sunday Mike Miroulis, Eddie Fiasios, and Emanuel Carilis almost sank a rental boat with porgies and at the dock they quit counting at 300.

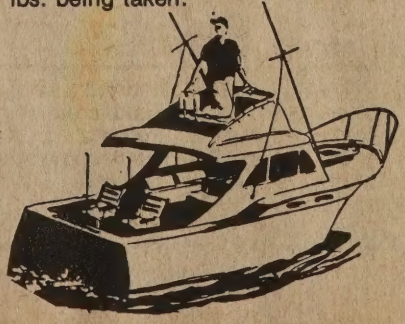
HUNTINGTON

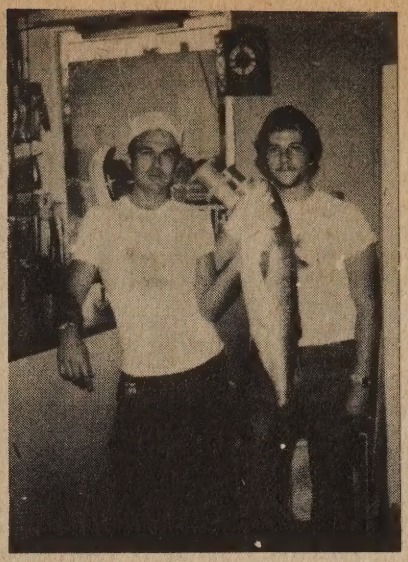
Don Scola and Doug Rhodes had 26 blues Saturday morning fishing out of **Ronnie's Bait and Tackle** at Lloyd's Point on umbrellas. Good bluefishing at Lloyd's Pt, Eatons Neck and 11B trolling umbrellas and diamond jigs. Some bass at Eaton's Neck, mostly taken on white bucktails with white pork rind. Some bass on black and white umbrellas. Fluke taken at Lloyd's Point and Eaton's Neck on sandeels and squid. Good porgies at Marshall Field and Eaton's Neck on sand eels, worms and clam.

Capt. Don Constantin called from the **Ever Ready** and told us the Saturday am blue run provided outrageous fishing with a complete blue blitz. Sunday am's run put many blues over the rail and into the pail. Mike Kulbersh and Judy Mason were the Saturday and Sunday blue pool winners.

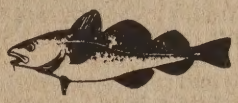
BAYVILLE

Norms Bait & Tackle reports fluke from 5 to 6 lbs. are taking sandeels and squid at Lloyds Neck.Three to five pound bluefish and bigger weakfish are being taken on diamond jigs and umbrellas off Lloyds Point. Big bluefish up to 11 lbs. are being taken on bunker in the early morning in Cold Spring Harbor. Eatons Neck is also producing nice size blues on diamond jigs. Porgy fishing is doing well in this area with fish up to 1¼ lbs. being taken.





Cliff Schriefer took this large bluefish fishing Mattituck Inlet with bunker bait. Subscriber club photo.



NORTH SHORE WEST END

★ BEST BET ★ BLUEFISH

CITY ISLAND

Jack's Tackle Shop reported the City Island boats are fishing around the two bridges for blues between 3 and 5 pounds with an occasional 10 to 12 pounder thrown in. Last Wednesday there were big blues at east No Nations. One of Jack's friends got 27 fish to 16 pounds of chunks from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Andy Stara continues to do well with bass from 4 to 6 pounds on small spinner and worm at Harts Island. Loads of snappers around all the docks.

BRONX

A new boat the **Theresa-L V** is now sailing from the Country Club in the Bronx, skippered by Capt. Steve Lubrano, whose Dad ran an open boat from City Island till his retirement last year. Steve says, she's the widest partyboat on the east coast and it is being completely crewed by the Lubrano family. She'll cruise at 17 knots and being catamaran designed, she will be very stable, especially with her beam of 35'. See their ad for details in the next upcoming issue.

HIGH TIDE TABLES

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGE-PORT AM	BRIDGE-PORT PM	NEW-PORT AM	NEW-PORT PM	DATE
THUR.	7:08	7:21	7:57	8:15	7:51	8:04	8:44	8:55	11:16	11:25	10:31	10:47	6:54	7:14	8/31
FRI.	7:48	7:59	8:34	8:52	8:30	8:42	9:20	9:33	11:47	11:49	11:09	11:24	7:36	7:54	9/1
SAT.	8:25	8:37	9:11	9:28	9:07	9:17	9:55	10:08	—	12:05	11:45	—	8:17	8:34	9/2
SUN.	9:01	9:10	9:46	10:03	9:42	9:51	10:31	10:47	12:04	12:19	12:01	12:21	8:56	9:14	9/3
MON.	9:38	9:46	10:21	10:39	10:15	10:23	11:06	11:24	12:31	12:49	12:38	12:57	9:35	9:52	9/4
TUE.	10:15	10:23	10:59	11:15	10:47	10:55	11:45	—	1:06	1:26	1:15	1:34	10:15	10:32	9/5
WED.	10:55	11:05	11:39	11:54	11:23	11:35	12:03	12:25	1:45	2:06	1:56	2:15	10:57	11:15	9/6
THUR.	11:41	11:51	—	12:21	—	12:09	12:47	1:10	2:29	2:51	2:38	2:58	11:43	—	9/7

HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet . . . —0 50" is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6 ½ hours to this figure.

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+ 0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	— 0 01
Red Bank, Navesink R.I.	+ 0 48
Long Branch	+ 0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	— 0 18
Shark River Basin	+ 0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	— 0 12
Seaside Park	— 0 33
Mantoloking Bridge	+ 5 34
TOMS RIVER	+ 4 37
Waretown	+ 2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	— 0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+ 2 33
Beach Haven	+ 1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	— 0 01
Seven Islands	+ 0 12
Graveling Point	+ 1 05
Mullica River	+ 1 55
Grassy Bay	+ 1 08
ABSECON INLET	+ 0 14
Atlantic City Pier	— 0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+ 0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+ 0 46
CORSON INLET	+ 0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+ 0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+ 0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+ 0 45
Cape May Harbor	— 0 02
Rehoboth Beach	— 0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+ 0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	— 0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+ 1 25
East Quogue	+ 2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+ 1 18
Indian Reservation	+ 3 05
MORICHES INLET	— 0 56
Smith's Point	+ 3 28
Harts Cove	+ 1 30
Potunck Point	+ 3 35
Mastic Beach	+ 3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	— 0 38
Democrat Point	— 0 38
Coast Guard Station	— 0 19
Fire Island Light	+ 0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+ 3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+ 3 20
Bay Shore	+ 2 23
Babylon	+ 2 12
Amityville	+ 2 21
JONES INLET	— 0 19
Zachs Bay	+ 1 25
Seaford Harbor	+ 2 05
Freeport Creek	+ 0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	— 0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+ 0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	— 0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+ 0 38
JFK Airport	+ 0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+ 0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+ 0 08
Bayville Bridge	+ 0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+ 0 03
Northport Bay	+ 0 03
Norwalk Islands	+ 0 10
Smithtown Bay	— 0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+ 0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+ 0 03
New Haven Harbor	+ 0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	— 0 08
Herod Point	— 0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+ 0 19
Horton Point	— 0 20
Truman Beach	— 0 42
Falkner Island	— 0 13
Sachem Head	— 0 10
Branford Harbor	— 0 07
New Haven Harbor	— 0 08
Milford Harbor	— 0 07
Stratford	+ 0 27
Shelton	+ 1 36
Black Rock Harbor	— 0 03
Saugatuck River	— 0 01
South Norwalk	+ 0 10
Greens Ledge	— 0 01
Stamford	+ 0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+ 0 06
Greenwich	+ 0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+ 0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+ 0 12
Greenport	+ 1 04
Southold	+ 1 43
New Suffolk	+ 2 26
South Jamesport	+ 2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+ 2 33
Noyack Bay	+ 2 05
Sag Harbor	+ 0 59
Gardiners Bay	+ 0 21
Promised Land	— 0 14
Montauk Inlet	— 0 25
Montauk Point	— 1 13
Niantic	+ 1 20
Stonington	— 0 33
Noank, Mystic River	— 0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	— 0 01
Norwich	+ 0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+ 1 10
Lyme	+ 1 24
Essex	+ 1 38
East Haddam	+ 2 41
Higganum Creek	+ 2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	— 0 10
Execution Light	— 0 06
Manhasset Bay	— 0 01
Hempstead Harbor	— 0 11
City Island	— 0 03
Rye Beach	— 0 28
Port Chester	— 0 09
Mamaroneck	— 0 08
New Rochelle	— 0 24
Davids Island	— 0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	— 0 10
Miami Beach	+ 1 17
East Point	+ 0 53
Egg Island Point	+ 0 33
Cape Henlopen	— 0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+ 0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+ 0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+ 0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+ 0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+ 0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+ 0 58
Ossining	+ 1 53
Peekskill	+ 2 24
West Point	+ 3 16
Newburg	+ 3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	— 0 10
Tiverton	+ 0 21
Beavertail Point	— 0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+ 0 10
Bristol	+ 0 10
Warren	+ 0 21
Nayatt Point	+ 0 12
Pawtucket	+ 0 21
East Greenwich	+ 0 16
Wickford	+ 0 12
Narragansett Pier	— 0 08
Point Judith Harbor	— 0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+ 0 05
Old Harbor	— 0 14
Watch Hill Point	+ 0 44

SUNRISE/SUNSET

9/3	6:27	7:31
9/8	6:32	7:22
9/13	6:38	7:14
9/18	6:43	7:05
9/23	6:48	6:56
9/28	6:53	6:47

PHASES OF THE MOON

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
9/2	9/10	9/16	9/24

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SOLUNAR TABLES

When To Fish Or Hunt

The schedule of solunar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour-and-a-half or two hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	3:25	**9:55**	3:50	**10:20**
Fri.	4:05	**10:35**	4:35	**11:00**
Sat.	4:45	**11:20**	5:15	**11:40**
Sun.	5:30	—	5:55	**12:10**
Mon.	6:20	**12:30**	6:45	**12:55**
Tues.	7:05	**1:20**	7:30	**1:50**
Wed.	8:05	**2:15**	8:25	**2:40**
Thurs.	8:55	**3:10**	9:20	**3:35**